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#### **On Our Cover:**

The Main Street Bridge has withstood the test of time since it was erected in 1894. It has survived the floods that the Lamprey River has thrown at it and has been the place that people have stopped to take pictures. Once it had a lamplight in the middle of it and through it all it has served the people of Epping from its completion into the 21st Century.

# Dedication - Andrew & Marguerite Vallone

They have been a fixture in the town for decades, operating Fecteau's Country Store on Main Street offering friendly conversation, advice and consolation to one and all.

Marguerite was born in her grandmother's house and has fond memories of life on her farm, taking a pony cart to school, and working in the garden. Her father, Thomas Fecteau, served as Epping's selectman and state representative during the 1930s. Her mother, Yvonne Fecteau was a founding member of the American Legion's Women's Auxiliary. Growing up Marguerite worked in her grandfather's shop which was taken over by Tom and named Fecteau's in 1934. She attended Epping Grammar School and graduated from Watson Academy. She studied marketing and business at the Chamberlain School in Boston and worked for Filenes and Travelers Insurance Company after completing her studies.

Andrew Vallone, the son of Michael and Carmella Vallone, was born in Brooklyn, New York. He studied and graduated at MIT and served in the Navy during World War II as an ensign aboard the USS Topeka before receiving his degree in naval architecture in 1947. He worked at ship yards in Quincy, Massachusetts and Pascagoula, Mississippi before starting his long career at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in 1951. There he helped design the Navy's experimental submarine, the Albacore, and invented a newer and safer access trunk and shutters for torpedo tubes on submarines which are still used today.

The two met in Boston. They married in 1950 and built their home in Epping in 1957. Andy worked at the Shipyard and Marguerite managed Fecteau's. They purchased Fecteau's store in 1972 and have operated it ever since selling just about everything a person might need and dispensing advice, encouragement and occasionally an opinion.

Both have offered years of service to the Epping community. Marguerite served in the Catholic Daughters of St. Joseph Parish, running weekly whist parties to raise funds for the church while Andy served as a member of the Knights of Columbus. In 1977, Andy helped inaugurate the annual Lamprey River Canoe Race

and has served as the official timekeeper ever since. He also serves as a facilitator for Epping High School's Advanced Placement statistics and Calculus classes that are taught via satellite broadcast.

"Andy" and Marguerite have been married over 50 years and still live in the house they built on Church Street. They have supported our town and schools privately and publicly through their donations of time, gifts, and food, as well as sponsorship of community initiatives such as Project Graduation and Oldé Home days. For these reasons, the Annual Report is dedicated to Andy and Marguerite Vallone.



Andrew and Marguerite Vallone

# Town Meeting Minutes

The deliberative session of the Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Harold LaPierre on February 5, 2002, at 7:05PM. The articles were discussed and amended; final voting was by ballot on March 12, 2002. The results are as follows.

**ARTICLE 1:** To select persons to fill the following elected positions:

## Budget Committee for 3 years

Elizabeth Conrad - 919  
Laurel Vincenzo Mazzari - 461  
Brenda McCartney - 882  
James P. McGeough - 946  
write-in

Paul Spidle - 58  
Elizabeth Conrad, Brenda McCartney, and James McGeough were elected.

## Cemetery Trustee for 3 years

write-in  
Paul Spidle - 43  
Paul Ladd - 28  
Marilyn Perry - 28  
Paul Spidle was elected

## Fire Ward for 3 years

Richard Cantrall - 1314  
write-in  
Paul Spidle - 30  
Richard Cantrall was elected

## Library Trustee for 3 years

Teresa Nucera - 1355  
write-in  
Paul Spidle - 32  
Teresa Nucera was elected

## Moderator for 2 years

Harold K. LaPierre - 1358  
write-in  
Paul Spidle - 45  
Harold K. LaPierre was elected

## Planning Board for 3 years

Austin Bishop - 1193  
write-in  
Paul Spidle - 41  
Austin Bishop was elected

## Selectman for 3 years

Ron LaChance - 610  
Susan McGeough - 980  
Susan McGeough was elected

## Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years

Kim Gauthier - 964  
Mary Lou Nowe - 642  
Kim Gauthier was elected

## Treasurer for 3 years

Patricia Tierney - 1296  
write-in  
Paul Spidle - 35  
Patricia Tierney was elected

## Trust Fund Trustee for 3 years

Mark Nucera - 1279  
write-in  
Paul Spidle - 35  
Mark Nucera was elected

## Water & Sewer Commissioner for 3 years

Henry DeBoer - 1278  
write-in  
Paul Spidle - 35  
Henry DeBoer was elected

## Zoning Board of Adjustment for 3 years

Paul Brown - 842  
Ron LaChance - 654  
write-in  
Matthew McNealy - 16  
Paul Brown was elected

**ARTICLE 2:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Warrant Article 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Epping Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend the Epping Zoning Ordinance Article 20 by replacing the article in its entirety with a new ordinance entitled "Personal Wireless Service Facilities Ordinance". This ordinance will authorize the Planning Board to regulate the use of these facilities relative to location, height, aesthetic and architectural design, visual buffering and other requirements. This change will potentially affect anyone who owns or wishes to buy, develop or use land in the Town of Epping. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board).

Planning Board Chairman Rob Graham explained that this article would allow the town to take advantage of technological advances. This would allow construction of towers that blend into the landscape. The use of taller towers would not be changed.

Results: YES - 815 NO - 751  
**Article 2 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 3:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Warrant Article 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Epping Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend Article 3, Schedule 1 of the Epping Zoning Ordinance to change the minimum lot size in the industrial commercial zone from three (3) acres to two (2) acres. This change will potentially affect anyone who owns or wishes to buy, develop or use land in the industrial/commercial zone. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board).

Rob Graham explained that the Planning Board had found that they were able to configure a site plan with just 2 acres and this would make it easier on developers.

Results: YES - 856 NO - 716  
**Article 3 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 4:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Warrant Article 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Epping Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend Article 3, Schedule 1 of the Epping Zoning Ordinance to add a requirement for minimum frontage of 200 feet for lots in the industrial/commercial zone. This change will potentially affect anyone who owns or wishes to buy, develop or use land in the industrial/commercial zone. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board).

Kim Sullivan asked if this would affect existing lots in that zone that do not have 200 feet of frontage. Rob Graham replied that it would only affect newly created lots.

Results: YES - 924 NO - 676

**Article 4 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 5:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Warrant Article 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Epping Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend Article 2 of the Epping Zoning Ordinance to remove "Excavation of Sand, Gravel and Stone" as a permitted use in the Residential and Rural Residential Zones and to add "Commercial Excavation of Sand, Gravel and Stone" as a permitted use in the Highway Commercial, and the Industrial/Commercial Zones. This change will potentially affect anyone who owns or wishes to buy, develop or use land for commercial excavations in the Town of Epping. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board). Rob Graham explained that passage of this article would no longer allow gravel to be excavated in residential and rural residential zones. Marilyn Perry pointed out that if the gravel was being used for a State Highway project, the Town would not be able to restrict the excavation.

Results:  
YES - 956 NO - 633

**Article 5 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 6:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Warrant Article 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Epping Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend the Epping Zoning Ordinance Article 11.9 in its entirety to be replaced with new language that adopts the 2000 International Building Code as the Town of Epping Building Code. This change will potentially affect anyone who owns or wishes to buy, develop or use land in the Town of Epping. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board).

Rob Graham explained that this article was simply to update our use of the BOCA Code from the 1998 version to the 2000 version.

Results: YES - 898

**Article 6 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, and paving of various Town roads as determined by the Town's Road Plan and the Board of Selectmen. Also, to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (3/5 majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.)

Selectman Tom Gauthier explained that the Selectmen have a line item for \$110,000 in the operating budget for the Highway Department, but this amount is not sufficient for all the paving that needs to be done. Kim Sullivan gave a tentative list of streets that would be paved. They are Windbrook Drive, Old Orchard Road, Indian River Road, Spur Road, Prescott Road, Old Nottingham Road, High Road, Beniah Lane, Ben Nevis

Road, Shannon Drive, and North River Road.

Results: YES - 999 NO - 619  
Needed to Pass - 971

**Article 7 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$39,000) for the purchase a GMC 3500 series one-ton pickup truck with plow and attachments to include a one-ton dump for the Highway Department. The acceptance of this article will automatically rescind Article # 9. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

Tom Gauthier explained that the Ford one ton truck was becoming unreliable. The purchase of this vehicle will add another vehicle to our fleet and we will phase out the Ford over the next few years. Ron LaChance asked if there was any money available in a capital reserve fund that could be used for this truck. Kim Sullivan replied that all those funds had been earmarked for the 6 wheel dump truck we had purchased in 2001.

Results: YES - 713 NO - 886

**Article 8 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Highway Department GMC 3500 series one-ton pickup truck with plow and attachments to include a one-ton dump and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in this fund. (Majority vote required. Recommended by Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.)

Kim Sullivan made a motion to amend this article to add the sentence "This article will not be valid if Article 8 passes." The motion was seconded by Susan McGeough. A hand

vote was taken and the amendment passed.

Results: YES - 923 NO - 666

**Article 9 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to remove approximately 350 tons of existing scrap tires from the Town of Epping Stump Dump during fiscal year 2002. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

Selectman Gauthier stated that some tires had been removed with fees collected at the stump dump, but there are still a large number of tires remaining. Paul Spidle suggested the fee be increased if it is not sufficient to cover the cost of disposing of the tires. Tom Gauthier replied that we charge \$2 and it costs us \$1 to remove the tire, but we have a large number of tires from previous years.

Results: YES - 1018 NO - 603

**Article 10 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be deposited into the existing Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.)

Selectman Sullivan explained that the State will require us to close the landfill. We have \$70,000 in the capital reserve fund so far, and the plan is for this money to be used for engineering fees when we actually have to do the closure. Paul Spidle reminded everyone that the transfer station side of the dump would also be affected.

Results: YES - 1008 NO - 588

**Article 11 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the

sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to make necessary repairs to the Town Hall steeple. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

Selectman Gauthier explained that last year's warrant article covered most of the work that was needed for the exterior of the steeple. During the repairs it was discovered that there was significant water damage inside. This article should take care of the interior damage as well as anything remaining to be done outside.

Results: YES - 896 NO - 710

**Article 12 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$28,500) to complete the recycling center building. If the operating budget of the Town (Article 29) passes, then this Article will be rescinded. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

Selectman Sullivan explained that after the fire at the recycling center, the insurance did not cover the cost of the building and all the equipment located there. This dollar amount is also included in the operating budget, but the Selectmen felt that if the budget failed, they would like to be sure this item could be funded.

Results: YES - 1131 NO - 478

**Article 13 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five (5) year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing and equipping a Fire Department Utility Truck to replace the existing Fire Department Rescue Van; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$12,200.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease

agreement will contain a non-appropriation clause and is expected to cost a grand total of One Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$122,000.00) with a One Dollar (\$1.00) purchase option at the end of the lease term. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

Fire Department member Cliff Cray explained that the truck being considered is a refurbished truck, the size of a Poland Springs or Coke delivery truck, with side openings. The present equipment van is too small for all the equipment the Fire Department must carry. Budget Committee Chairman Jim McGeough asked what the long term plan was for replacing our other fire trucks. Cliff responded that two of our trucks are 1977 and 1981 models, and the insurance company would like them replaced. He thought they would probably ask to replace one next year. Fire Ward Dale Smith confirmed that a committee was being formed to look at this. Mike King stated that he was against this article and felt we should wait. Roger Gauthier commented that the ladder truck we had bought a few years ago was a waste of money and did we really need this new vehicle. Cliff Cray agreed that the ladder truck was getting little use, and the Fire Department may ask to sell that truck. Kim Sullivan felt that we did need to replace the equipment van, but had hoped we would be able to use a less expensive truck. Cliff Cray explained that some of the cost would be for equipment.

Results: YES - 796 NO - 827

**Article 14 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$8,800.00) to equip three police cruisers with laptop computers and mounting brackets and to



establish a SPOTS (State Police On-Line Telecommunications System) computer at the police department. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee)

Police Chief Greg Dodge explained that two of our cruisers currently have these computers. This article would give us enough for all the cruisers so that our officers could run their own license and plate checks.

Results: YES - 785 NO - 846

**Article 15 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$8,800.00) to purchase CCTV (Closed Circuit TV) cameras and monitors at the Safety Complex. This system will monitor the Booking Room, Holding Cells and other sensitive areas of the police department. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

Greg Dodge explained that this was part of the original plan for the Safety Complex, but was one of the items cut when the cost of the building became too high. Last year the priority was to increase the personnel on the force, but this year he would like to again pursue this so that we will be prepared for the accreditation process. Mike King presented information on a less expensive system, but Chief Dodge said he had seen those units and the quality was not as good as he would recommend.

Results: YES - 752 NO - 903

**Article 16 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$23,453.00) for the purchase and equipping of a new cruiser for the

Police Department. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

Chief Dodge stated that they would be using the equipment from one of the older cruisers, but this article does include money for set up charges. Mike King stated that he would rather see a foot patrol instituted down town instead of replacing the cruiser.

Results: YES - 687 NO - 970

**Article 17 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) in support of the Epping Youth Athletic Association. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

Jim McGeough urged all the voters to support this article. The EYAA is a totally Epping organization and all the workers are volunteers. This is the same level of funding they have requested for the last 10 years.

Results: YES - 1125 NO - 525

**Article 18 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$8,800.00) for the purpose of improvements to the Harvey Mitchell Memorial Library. Such improvements will include but not be limited to replacing or repointing brickwork on the front steps, replace railings on front steps, replace light fixtures on the main floor of the library, carpeting for the main floor of the library, computer work station furniture and a rapid response security system. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

Library Trustee Deb McConnell listed the reasons for the renovations

planned. The current light fixtures are so old that we can no longer get replacement parts for them and the bulbs are more expensive than bulbs for newer fixtures. The carpeting being replaced had been in the basement and has water damage. The brickwork on the front steps is starting to crumble, and they want to add a center railing for safety reasons. A new computer station will be more user friendly and also be more attractive near the entrance.

Results: YES - 1128 NO - 534

**Article 19 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 20:** To authorize the Trustee of Trust Funds to transfer \$23,972 to the Cemetery Trustees for necessary enhancements and expansion of the Central Cemetery. These funds were originally provided to the Trustees of the Trust Funds by the Conservation Commission through their Land Use Change Tax Penalty Funds and are to be considered compensation for conservation purposes of the land bordered by the Central Cemetery and the Lamprey River. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

Kim Sullivan explained that the purpose of this article was to allow the portion of this land which is not suitable for burial lots to be managed by the Conservation Commission. Of the four acre parcel, approximately half of it can be used for cemetery purposes. The funds transferred to the Cemetery Trustees would be available for cemetery maintenance. Ron LaChance asked who would get the money if one of the new plots was sold. Tom Gauthier replied that the money would go the Cemetery Trustees.

Results: YES - 942 NO - 701

**Article 20 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to sponsor in Epping an "Olde Home Day" event during the year 2002. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.

Steve Johnson explained that at the Olde Home Day's celebration last year a survey was taken of what people would like to have at the next event. Most stated that they would like to see a fireworks display. If passed, this article would provide the funds to do this.

Results: YES - 727 NO - 906

**Article 21 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the purpose of painting the exterior of Watson Academy. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen).

Steve Johnson addressed this article and stated that the grant money we had received only covered interior painting and work on the addition. The outside of the building has not been painted in many years.

Results: YES - 709 NO - 914

**Article 22 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to *accept* historical names of Epping persons, families or events for any New Town Accepted Roads, Streets, Etc. prior to assigning any Names for Roads, Streets, etc. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition).

Madelyn Williamson from the Historical Society explained why this article had been requested. They felt that developers did not give enough thought to the naming of roads in a new subdivision and the resulting names really had no mean-

ing. Paul Spidle pointed out that it is the responsibility of the Selectmen to name roads, but suggested that developers could be given a list of potential names from which to choose.

He made a motion to amend the article by replacing the word "*accept*" with the phrase "**suggest to developers**". The motion was seconded by Susan McGeough and the amendment passed with a hand vote.

Results: YES - 903 NO - 731

**Article 23 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars (\$34,794.00) to be distributed to the organizations listed below in the amounts noted for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2002. (Majority vote required. Submitted by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to RSA 31:131 and recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

Paul Spidle pointed out that the amount recommended by the Budget Committee was different from the amount recommended by the Selectmen, and asked for an explanation. Tom Gauthier stated that the Board of Selectmen had set a cut off date for hearing from these organizations, and not received the request from Seacoast Mental Health by that date. The Board of Selectmen voted to maintain funding at the 2001 level. Dianne Gilbert spoke against this article because she believes there is not legislation that enables us to provide these funds. Jim McGeough stated that the services these agencies provide would cost the Town three to four times as much if we had to provide them ourselves. When the Budget Committee reviewed the requests they were all questioned as to what services had been provided to Epping residents. Roger Gauthier felt that the vote of the people would show whether or not the Town wants to support these organizations. Ron

Organization	2001 Appropriation	2002 Request	BOS Recomm.	BudCom Recomm.
Aids Response Seacoast	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0
Adult Tutorial Program	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
A Safe Place	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
American Red Cross	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Area Homecare & Family Services	\$2,610	\$2,610	\$2,610	\$2,610
Child & Family Services	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Community Diversion Program	\$1,590	\$1,590	\$1,590	\$1,590
Lamprey Health Care	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Richie McFarland Children's Center	\$2,750	\$2,750	\$2,750	\$2,750
Rockingham County Community Action Program	\$9,350	\$14,099	\$9,350	\$9,350
Rockingham Nutrition & Meals On Wheels	\$3,724	\$3,724	\$3,724	\$3,724
Seacoast Big Brother/ Big Sister Program	\$3,240	\$1,620	\$1,620	\$1,620
Seacoast Hospice	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Sexual Assault Support Services	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250
Seacoast Mental Health	\$0	\$3,000	\$0	\$1,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$35,414</b>	<b>\$42,043</b>	<b>\$33,794</b>	<b>\$34,794</b>

LaChance took exception to these organizations receiving funds from the county and state also since a portion of our taxes goes to them. Dianne Gilbert would like to see these organizations sign a contract with the Town to provide services, but the organizations are unwilling to do this. Kim Sullivan stated that our welfare budget is \$10,000, but we only spent \$3,000. This was partly due to the services these organizations do provide.

Results: YES - 952      NO - 639

**Article 24 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 25:** To compel the Selectmen, Fire Wards and Budget Committee to not submit and/or approve budget line items which provide funding for or pay the dues to professional, non-profit, or quasi-government organizations for elected and/or appointed Town officials or Town employees unless specifically authorized by New Hampshire State Law (i.e. RSA 31:8 Power and Duties of Towns). (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition)

Dianne Gilbert objected to the \$24,000 in dues and subscriptions that the Town pays each year. She stated that every profession has an organization that supports lobbyists in Concord trying to influence legislation that is in the best interest of the profession, but may not be in the best interest of the Town. Cliff Cray spoke in support of the fire organizations which help the department get fire codes and with testing of equipment. Selectman Gilbert felt that individuals should pay for memberships themselves, and stated that we would be able to purchase fire codes without being members of the organization. Tom Gauthier felt that volunteers should not have to pay membership fees themselves, and defended dues paid to the Municipal Association which has entitled us to free legal advice on several issues. He read a

letter from Town Council defending the current practice, and stating that if this article is passed it would not be enforceable. Bruce Gatchell stated that he pays for professional dues himself and does not see why others should not. Kim Sullivan spoke in favor of continuing the practice of paying dues for volunteer fire fighters.

Results: YES - 725      NO - 827

**Article 25 FAILED**

**ARTICLE 26:** To compel the Selectmen to abide by the requirements of RSA 41:25 and RSA 41:33 (setting of compensation for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector respectively); to submit the proposed compensation for these two elected positions, *as required by law*, to the Annual Town Meeting (Legislative Body) for approval. Furthermore, these salaries are to be published as line items in their respective budgets and in the Annual Town Report. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition).

Dianne Gilbert read a portion of the law which states that Town Clerks can be paid either by statutory fees or by fixed compensation. She stated that elected officials are accountable to the people, not the Board of Selectmen and the salaries for all officials should be approved at Town Meeting. Jim McGeough made a motion to amend the article by replacing the phrase "*as required by law*" with the phrase "**if advised by Town Council**". The motion was seconded by John Sigmund. McGeough went on to state that our Town Attorney would defend us on any legal matter and that we should rely on his advise. Paul Spidle pointed out that the budget as it is printed in the Town Report does not break down the salaries of various officials so it is difficult for the people to know what they are approving. Loraine Hoijer wanted to know why we couldn't follow the law. Kim Sullivan replied that we are

already following the law, and read a portion of a letter from Town Council stating that our current practice is within the letter of the law. He also read an excerpt from the 1993 Town Meeting where the Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to set the salary for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. A hand vote was taken on the amendment and the amendment passed.

Results: YES - 922      NO - 630

**Article 26 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 27:** To support an expanded use of EPTV-22 to include all the benefits of local programming, namely public access, education and government (PEG) as provided for under the Federal Communications Act of 1996. Expanding the use of EPTV-22 *will not require any additional funding*. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition).

Paul Spidle stated that he had a tape that shows how other towns handle public access TV. The coordinator can review the tape and say whether or not he feels it can be shown. An affirmative vote on this article would be a referendum that the Town wants to see more programming on EPTV. TV coordinator Bill Channel wanted to let the Town know that the statement saying that this will not require any additional funding was false and suggested it be stricken from the article. He stated that the costs should never exceed what the Town receives in franchise fees. After much discussion Bill Channel made a motion to amend the article so that the final sentence reads "**Expanding the use of EPTV-22 shall not exceed budgeted franchise funding.**" The motion was seconded by Paul Spidle. The amendment was passed with a hand vote. Marci Morris asked if passing this article would mean that an individual could create material that would then be aired on our channel, and if so who would determine if it could be

shown. Bill Channell replied that Marci was correct, and that the individual supplying the tape was to be held responsible for the content of the tape. The coordinator could require a minimum standard of quality for the tape, restrict the length, and determine the scheduling of the broadcast. Any material which is obscene or contains material which is slanderous would not be allowed. Dick Godfrey from Chester spoke about his experiences with a Public Educational and Government channel, stating that Chester has never had a problem with the content of materials. If one side of an issue is presented they must allow equal time for an opposing view. The producer of the film signs a form specifying that the film does not contain advertising, obscenity, copyrighted material, libelous or slanderous material.

Results: YES - 937 NO - 612

**Article 27 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to reduce from fifty (50%) to ten percent (10%) the amount of money given to the Conservation Commission from the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT). The funds shall be placed into a separate Conservation Fund not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) annually and shall only be used for the acquisition of land and conservation easements. Further, the remaining ninety percent (90%) LUCT shall be placed into the General Fund and used to reduce the property tax. Acceptance of this article repeals Article 13, passed at the 2000 Annual Town Meeting. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition)

Paul Spidle spoke in favor of this article stating that this would bring us back to where we were two years ago, with more money going into the General Fund to reduce taxes. Conservation Commission Chairman Gerry Langdon stated that the Town had

defeated this same article last year. Over half of the towns in New Hampshire now earmark at least 50% of their LUCT for conservation purposes, or they designate a large amount of money in their budget for conservation. Avis Rosenfield spoke in favor of the need to maintain open spaces, and encouraged the Town to plan for areas suitable for forest as well as residential and commercial use. Kim Sullivan pointed out that the Board of Selectmen needed to approve any expenditure from this special fund, and since there is a cap of \$50,000 in this fund at any one time, the Conservation Commission cannot spend endlessly. Dianne Gilbert was opposed to land being taken off the tax rolls and expressed her concern that with more and more land being owned by the Conservation Commission or limited by conservation easements, future generations would not be able to afford to buy land for their homes. Jim McGeough spoke of the foresight of people like Mary Blair who provided the Town with recreational land. Although this land is not on the tax rolls, it is land that can be enjoyed by all.

Results: YES - 794 NO - 770

**Article 28 PASSED**

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Forty Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$3,040,162) which represents the operating budget of the Town. Said sum does not include the special and individual warrant articles herein contained. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget from last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Epping Board of Selectmen or by law will be the default budget; or the governing body may hold a special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the

issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee).

Paul Spidle asked what the default budget would be if this article fails. Tom Gauthier replied that the amount would be \$2,870,559. This figure was arrived at by using the 2001 operating budget plus the collective bargaining agreement, lease payments for the cruiser, backhoe and ambulance, the increased police personnel approved last year, and the debt from the safety complex.

Results: YES - 944 NO - 624

**Article 29 PASSED**

Moderator Harold K. LaPierre declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Foley, Town Clerk*

# Committee Reports

## Board of Selectmen & Town Administrator

The more things change the more they remain the say as the French say. 2002 was a year of comings and goings as the Town of Epping continues its march forward. Personnel changed again this year. The new Town Administrator, Craig Kleman, got one full year under his belt. Epping Television (ETV) also benefited from Bill Channell having a full year to implement changes to the operation. Patricia Tierney agreed to be the Town Treasurer. Soon after the new year began, the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Charles Smart, moved to a similar position in Newington. The search for a new CEO went on for a few months before we found a good candidate in Kevin Kelley who had been the CEO twenty years ago. With the initial start up of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant the decision was made to hire additional help for the plant. Bob Kilham was hired by the Water and Sewer Commission with the Selectmen's approval to assist longtime Superintendent, Norm Dionne, in getting the bugs out of this new high tech facility. In the fall Jeri Ann Smith, the Selectmen's administrative assistant, left and relocated to Ohio with her husband. Also in the fall, John Hubbard, Highway Superintendent, moved on to greener pastures. In the interim Joe Foley and Dave Reinhold have run the department. On a sad note, longtime worker in the department, Roy Paige, passed on.

Progress was also made on a few projects that were under development. The Water and Sewer Commission accepted the new Wastewater

Treatment Facility that is run by the Zenon microfiltration process. The five million dollar upgrade to the plant gives the Town more capacity to deal with the impending commercial and industrial development that is coming to the area. The Town is edging closer to the development of Hoar Pond Well #2 with a seven day pump test conducted in June. This water source will help to meet the future needs of the community.

Other facilities projects were done during the year. The Recycling Center which had been damaged by fire was rebuilt and equipped with new machinery. The steeple roof on Town Hall was redone by a local Epping resident and other small repairs to the interior of Town Hall were done as well.

The Board of Selectmen dealt with perennial issues that seemed more pressing with the growth that is occurring in the community. The development of Class VI roads, destruction of mailboxes by town snowplows and the impact of racetrack operations on neighboring residents were again revisited.

The proposed commercial development at the intersection of Routes 101 and 125 moved closer to fruition with the announcement that a Walmart Supercenter would be built on the former Wheelbrator site. In anticipation of that some minor improvements were made to a roadway near Route 125. Railroad Avenue on the eastern side of Route 125 was closed to traffic. The Town also learned that it was a co-recipient with the State New Hampshire Department of Transportation of a federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant that will be used for improve-



*Craig J. Kleman, Town Administrator*



*Board of Selectman -- Kim Sullivan, Steve Johnson, Tom Gauthier, Susan McGeough, Dianne Gilbert*

ments to Route 125 north of Route 101 to near the intersection with Route 27. The staff and the elected officials have kept very busy meeting the needs of the residents of Epping and dealing with the growth that is coming. Their collective efforts are what make Epping such a great place to live! We look forward to another busy and successful year in 2003.

We would like to close by reminding everyone that it is important to take an active role in our local government. Make it a point to vote on March 11, 2003. You are also encouraged to attend and/or watch on Epping TV the various Boards and Commissions that meet throughout the year.

#### Epping Board of Selectmen:

Tom Gauthier, Chair  
Kim Sullivan, Vice-Chair  
Susan McGeough  
Dianne Gilbert  
Steve Johnson

#### Town Administrator:

Craig Kleman

### Cemetery Trustees

Trustees of the Town's Cemeteries are responsible for their maintenance & expansion. The Trustees get together on a casual basis to discuss and/or inspect the cemeteries. No minutes are taken during these encounters, but be assured that our memories are sound and we will tell you anything you want to know.

During 2002, the Selectmen transferred the sum of \$24,000 to the Trustees. The monies are to be used for additional burial space on the 4.5 acres of Town owned land located on the North side of The Prospect Cemetery. Chairman Jerry Langdon of the Conservation Commission was instrumental in arranging the selec-

tive tree cutting, at no cost to the Town. This new cemetery land is nearly ready for stumping and terracing. We still retain the \$24,000 for future expansion and development.

We had the Jonathan Sanborn land purchase of 1875 clear cut (approximately 1 acre). This land was deeded to the Town as a burial site for "paupers." We believe several bodies are interred there, but they are not marked. We do know, however, that no one was left on the top of the Prospect Hill who was not breathing! The aforementioned parcels of land still need extensive filling and terracing as they are sloped towards the Lamprey River.

The Town provided the Trustees \$5,000 toward the cost for stumping and filling the front of the Prospect Cemetery, which will provide immediate burial space, until such time as the back pieces (2) can be completed. We wish to thank Ron Cote, Harvey Woodward and Jerry Langdon for their efforts and diligent work in preparation of this site.

Early in 2002, former Trustee Paul Ladd, Fred Semprini and I discovered that a piece of the rear wall at the Central Cemetery had fallen over as a result of 4 large pine tree's roots encroaching under the wall. The trees were also dangerously leaning over to the abutters' home. So, last fall, I engaged the services of the Highway Department's

tree experts to remove these trees. Next spring the current trustees will meet to arrange the pulling of the stumps and the repair of the wall. There is also a large Ash tree further down the wall that is raising the wall; this situation must also be addressed in the spring.

In the election of 2002, Paul Spidle was elected by a landslide (18 write in votes) to fill the position of retiring Paul Ladd. Paul Spidle and I have met several times so as to familiarize him with the Town's Cemeteries, and the above situations. Fred Semprini continues to serve, as well as yours truly, Dan Harvey.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel W. Harvey, Fred Semprini,  
Paul Spidle*

### Code Enforcement and Building Inspection

I am sure everyone has heard the phrase "what a difference a day makes". Well what a difference 20 years has been. Having been the Town's part time inspector back in 1983 and becoming the new Code Enforcement Officer in May of 2002

Permits	2001	2002
New Homes	13	40
New Manufactured Homes	3	3
Replaced Manufactured Homes	2	1
Renovations	15	16
Additions	14	16
Decks and Porches	23	20
Garages and Barns	14	19
Sheds	11	16
Pools	4	6
Commercial	3	2
Miscellaneous	3	6
Demolition	2	2
<b>Total Building Permits</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>147</b>
Electrical Permits	93	106
Plumbing Permits	59	54



has been a challenge. As you see with the increase in permits from last year, and the new developments, open land is rapidly disappearing. The New Year will see a dramatic increase in commercial construction. As most of you know a Super Wal-Mart will start construction in the spring, with others soon to follow. Two new developments are just starting construction and Epping has certainly become the Town many want to call home. I look forward to helping the Town grow with a commitment to the health and safety of all.

*Sincerely,  
Kevin Kelley*

### **Conservation Commission**

#### *Commission Members:*

Scott Pim, *Chairperson*,  
Jeff Conrad, Jim Malcuit,  
Neal Folsom, Caroline Muise,  
Paul Wright

*Alternate:* Nancy Chase

*Selectmen's Rep:* Stephen Johnson

*Special Projects:* Isobel Parke

*Canoe Race:* Nancy Gero,  
Virginia LaPierre, Andy Vallone,  
Verna Folsom

*Forestry Committee:*

Gerry Langdon, Bob Kimball,  
Kevin Martin

The Epping Conservation Commission established a Forestry Committee this year to handle the management and monitoring of the town's properties and easements. The three person committee has been working on planning for a timber harvest on the Fox Run Conservation Area. The Committee has also been working with the Selectmen to resolve an illegal timber harvest on Town property. This property was recently donated to the Town by the Epping Crossing developers for mitigation on their project. Members of the Committee have been working with the develop-



*Code Enforcement Officer -- Kevin Kelley*

ers for the last few years to obtain approximately one hundred acres of conservation land in the Birch Road and Piscassic River areas.

The Conservation Commission has reviewed several projects presented by landowners and developers seeking to build or excavate in or near wetlands. The largest project involved working with state and federal wetlands officials and the developers of Epping Crossing to develop solutions to wetlands and drainage issues associated with the property and the related Rt. 125 improvements.

One cord of wood selectively cut from the Town Forest was raffled off in October with proceeds going to the Easement Monitoring Fund. The annual Knights of Columbus fishing derby was held at the Fox Run Conservation Area again this year. Participation was somewhat limited by a late Spring snowfall, but the event ran as planned and was fun for those who braved the chill.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Lamprey River Canoe Race was a success, with participants from all over the state and beyond. In spite of the drought, the Lamprey had enough water for a good ride. We expect the next race (on the last weekend in April) to be at least as good.

Many thanks to Avis Rosenfeld and Laurel Mazzari for their time as members. Both have moved on to other responsibilities. We welcome and need new members. The time commitment required for most members is small and we have a wide variety of projects to suit anyone's interests.

### **Epping Television – ETV – Cable Channel 22**

As I complete my first year with ETV, I am thrilled with what we've accomplished, and excited with what the future will bring. The enthusiastic efforts of the ETV staff cannot be praised highly enough. They have insured that ETV has become a central connection between Epping residents and their community. From the positive feedback and kind comments that we've received, it seems that a lot of viewers agree. Thank you.

2002 was a busy year at ETV. All guidelines, policies, and procedures, along with the associated forms and paperwork, were researched, established and printed. We reconfigured the studio layout and tape filing system, instituted new logging systems and record keeping, and established the groundwork for future growth.

The on-air community bulletin board was restructured and improved with a new, easier-to-read look. An agreement was made with WHOM 94.9FM to add the radio station, in the background, encouraging residents to leave channel 22 on longer and more often. Working with AT&T cable, we were able to upgrade overall picture quality, and correct most interference problems.

The cameras used to shoot at remote locations, were replaced and upgraded with new high quality digital camcorders, and a new computer

was purchased to allow digital non-linear editing. This allows us to significantly improve the quality of on-location productions, and also to make it easier for new users to become productive much sooner.

Recycling used equipment, we were able to set up a dedicated video tape duplication system to handle viewer orders for tape copies, and were able to donate a complete edit system and two more cameras to the middle/high school. Mid year, we sponsored an "Open House" to share our progress with the community, and based on the response, we hope it can become an annual event.

Most recently, we have replaced and upgraded the ten-year-old video decks used for the playback of taped programs. This improved the reliability and quantity of scheduled program airings. All this has been accomplished without any tax dollars, just using part of the income generated by ETV.

But, not all of our efforts were successful. We were not able to maintain enough student interest to bring about the Student News Program, or other school videos. To try to correct this, we will aggressively pursue more school participation in the coming year.

However, the most exciting thing to happen at ETV, is that for the first time, we are now showing "Access Programming". This means ANY Epping resident can make a video, under very few guidelines, and have it shown on channel 22. We encourage all residents to check at the Selectmen's Office for details, and participate! Share your views, your hobbies, or, just have fun and become a TV star with your neighbors. Local access is an incredible resource for the residents of Epping, and we'll help you take advantage of it.

With the support of staff members Joe, Nicholas and Seth Denoncour, Glenn and Josh Frederick, Heidi Nelson-Dawson, and Dan Bennis, 2002 has been both productive and enjoyable. Thanks to the encouragement and guidance of the Selectmen's representative, Steve Johnson, and the rest of the Board of Selectmen, ETV is becoming an important and integral part of our community and a strong asset to the future of Epping. Thanks for watching.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Channell  
Director, Epping Television*

### Fire Department

The past year can best be described as a year of change. We have many new housing developments, resulting



*Fire Department -- Kevin Zukas  
and Hank LeTourneau*

in more homes to protect and residents for which to provide medical care. Ours is a very dynamic department and needs constant review of the equipment, number of personnel and training required to provide the protection everyone requires, expects and deserves. Additional changes

***We would like to offer  
a special THANK YOU  
to the following personnel  
and their families  
for their time and  
dedication:***

***Chief:***

Hank Letourneau  
FF/EMT-P

***Assistant Chief:***

Robert Downie FF/EMT

***Deputy Chief:***

Brian Toomire FF/EMT

***Captain:*** Cliff Cray FF

***Captain:***

Kevin Zukas FF/EMT-I

***Lieutenant:***

Jason Lavoie FF/FR

***Lieutenant:***

Adam Laurent FF/EMT

***Lieutenant:***

John DeSotto FF/EMT

Addy, Mike

Bennis, Dan-FF/EMT

Bertogli, Wayne-FF/FR

Bodge Cheryl-EMT-P

Bodge, Joe-FF

Carter, Donna-EMT

Childs, John-FR

Childs, Shirley-FR

Clough, Craig-EMT-P

Felch, Peter-FF/EMT

Frederick, Glenn

Gagnon, Sabre FF/EMT

Hoelzel, Greg-FF/FR

LoCascio, Robert -FF/EMT

Louis, Karen-EMT

Murphy, Christopher-EMT

Nickerson, Marc-FF/FR

Oakes, Dee-FR

Oakes, Don-FF/FR

Page, Joan-FR

Pevear, Dave-EMT

Pevear, Frank-FF/FR

Rodier, Amy-FF/EMT

Rodier, Laurel-FR

Rodier, Richard

St. Clair, Shelley-FR

Suchovsky, Scott-FR

Tierney, Patti-FR

Turgeon, Doug-FF/EMT

VanAmburgh, Don-

FF/EMT

Wallace, Wanda-FR

Wells, Scott-EMT-P

Whittaker, Lisa-EMT

Wiesen, Darcy-EMT

Wiesen, Kurt-FF/EMT

Bilodeau, David-R

Chapman, Bruce-R

Cimmino, Steve-R

Cray, Matthew-R

Daigle, Todd-R

Drapeau, Jamie-R

Holtermann, Charlie-R

Jean, Leona-R

Jean, Michael-R

Jensen, Amy-R

Langley, Erin-R

Morin, Michael-R

Musso, Audrey-R

Porter, Jim-R

Woods, Terri-R

Fire Wards:

Cantrall, Richard

King, Michael

Charles Goodspeed

Dale Smith-R

Selectman's Rep:

Gilbert, Dianne



will take place because of the Wal-Mart development and the many others that will follow. Change can be difficult for some, but we know it will happen and we must be prepared.

The Fire Wards and I are presently determining our vehicle needs for the next twenty (20) years. We presently need a fire truck, with the ability to provide the best fire protection available. The CAFS (compressed air foam system) will extinguish the fire faster and with less water damage than conventional methods. This truck will also contain the newest technology in Jaws of Life and tower lighting to better illuminate the scene of an emergency.

Our town is fortunate to have many dedicated people on our department, and because of this we have some of the leading technology in the world, right here in our town. We are able to get into the ambulance or fire truck open the computer and within a few seconds locate an address in town along with a picture of the residence in most cases. This truly decreases the time required to arrive at the scene of an emergency.

I would like to take a moment to publicly thank our former Fire Chief Chris Murphy for his vision, technical expertise and leadership, and the many who assisted him in making our department what we have today. As we look to the future we must meet challenges head on, not just trying to catch up, but striving to provide the absolute best protection for our residents and department personnel. Once again we remind everyone to change the batteries in your smoke detector when you change your clocks, and be sure your house numbers are clearly visible from the street. Thank you again for your support. If you have any questions or concerns please call me anytime. Information on CPR and First Aid course available

as needed. Anyone who thinks they may want to join please call, many types of jobs to be filled. Business Line 679-5446

Total Calls for 2002	913
Ambulance calls	662
Fire Calls	251

### **General Assistance (Welfare) Department**

Another year has passed, and in last year's Annual Report I shared with you the many resources that are available to our Epping residents who are unable to provide for themselves and their families. The Food Pantry is available year-round to serve those in need. To visit the food pantry, please call my office or come in to see me so I can reach the appropriate person to help you. Raymond Community Action Program continues to be a significant resource in meeting the needs of our low-income residents.

The State welfare reform programs place urgency in times of crisis on cities and towns to provide services. The Statute RSA: 165 implies that, "If a person is poor and unable to maintain himself or herself" the Town has **no other choice** but to assist.

I continue to receive a multitude of brochures. Among the many brochures received are from Rockingham Community Action with information about the Fuel Assistance Program, and the CSFP (Commodity Supplemental Food Program) for seniors. PSNH continues to assist those on how to save with their electric bill. I also have many brochures for Legal Advice & Referral Centers. The Compass Program is still going strong. This is a program to help the unemployed or under-employed develop skills that will lead to self-sufficiency and offer job-training services. Information on the program along with

many other brochures is available in my office.

If you feel that you or your family needs assistance or information on how to receive assistance, please do not hesitate to call my office at 679-1202, ext. 16. My office hours for appointments is Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

*Phyllis E. McDonough*  
*Welfare Administrator*

### **Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library**

The library had another banner year in 2002 with attendance and circulation figures topping those of the previous year. Patrons continue to use all of the services of the library but the computer workstations seem to draw the most people. Our Summer Reading Program was another huge success now making four years that we have run the program.

In cooperation with the Epping Elementary School and school librarian Barb Young our Summer Reading Program has flourished. Enrollment in the program was well over two hundred kids and there were two well-attended Childrens concerts with a magician and the Little Red Wagon from the University of New Hampshire.

The library experienced several much needed improvements during the year. Our decaying front porch was replaced. We received wall to wall carpeting on the upstairs floor and new lighting. The ceiling was repaired and painted and the room has a much brighter and cleaner look. We owe a big thanks to Bob Basile for maintaining our website that is now located at [www.eppinglibrary.org](http://www.eppinglibrary.org). You can e-mail us at [eppinglibrary@attbi.com](mailto:eppinglibrary@attbi.com). Call Bob

for all your web hosting needs. The computers are still running well and with our technical plan, we are bringing in new hardware every year.

The Lydia Ladd/Childrens Library continues to be frequently used by community groups and organizations. The Rockingham Riding Club, Civil War Roundtable of New Hampshire and Melling Glen Condominium Association are just a few of the groups meeting in the room.

The library still offers a load of free and discount passes. This year we have added the New England Aquarium to our growing list of passes. We currently have passes also to The Portsmouth Childrens Museum, The Christa McAullife Planetarium, Strawberry Banke, Shaker Village and the Boston Science Museum.

Our pre-school story hour is now under the direction of Tracie Wilkins. The story hour is now at 10:30am on both Monday and Friday. Simonne Murphy is doing an excellent job leading the adult book discussion group that meets once a month. The library is also a meeting place and coordinating facility for the many homeschooling families in Epping.

I would personally like to thank everyone in town who gave donations of books and money to the library this year. We appreciate it and have always put those donations to good use buying books and library materials. I also want to acknowledge all the hard work done this year by the Library Board of Trustees and staff. We all make a great team in the effort of providing quality library service to the Town of Epping. Our programs and services are free to all the people of Epping. Come down and see all our improvements plus our growing collection of books, videos, audios, DVDs and magazines. It's all here and all for you.

*Duane E. Shaffer  
Library Director*

### Highway Department

The Highway Department experienced some changes this year. Long time employee, Roy Paige, died after suffering a brief illness. For this reason Roy gets an Honorable Mention in this Town Report. Town residents and workers for the Town will miss him. The other change that occurred was that Highway Supervisor, John Hubbard, decided to move on to other endeavors. We wish him good luck! The Board of Selectmen decided in the interim to appoint one of the Town's snowplowing contractors, Dave Reinhold, to fill the Highway Supervisor position. Joe Foley also filled in for a short period of time until Dave accepted the job.

It was again a productive year for the Highway crew. On the direction of the Selectmen, Railroad Avenue on the east side of Route 125 was closed off through the use

of jersey barriers and a berm. With the anticipated growth of commercial development on Route 125 just south of there, it was felt that this section of Railroad Avenue was being used as a shortcut to avoid the traffic light at Route 27 endangering the residents and especially the children who live in this neighborhood.

The road reconstruction bond was used to do paving on certain roads in Town. North River Road was given a shim coat and overlay as were Shannon and Hunter Drives. Other roads done were Meadowbrook Drive, Delaney Road, Cote Drive and Amber Way. Other roads were on the list for roadwork such as Prescott Road but due to the busy workload of contractors and snow falling early, these projects were delayed until next year. Monies are still left in the road bond and funds were budgeted in the Highway budget to continue this work. Ditching was also done on roads throughout Town.

After the Recycling Center experienced a fire in 2001 work was undertaken to rebuild the facility. Through a combination of insurance monies and funds being placed in the 2002 Highway budget, the building was rebuilt and a baler and can and glass crushers were purchased to refit the facility.

The Highway Department also undertook a project which called for the removal of the tires that are stored on the Stump Dump side. The warrant article was for \$35,000 and most of the monies were spent. Over 315 tons of tires were removed in 2002. This is an ongoing project.

Although it took awhile, the Town did receive its new Ford 650 dump truck with a combination sanding and dump body. It was used for road maintenance and did get its first



*Highway Department -- Chris Trefethen,  
Dave Reinhold, and John Victoria*

workout for plowing late in 2002. The highway department looks forward to a productive year in 2003.

**Department Members:**

Dave Reinhold, Interim Foreman  
John Victoria, Heavy Equip. Operator  
Chris Trefethen

**Historic District Commission**

The boundaries of Epping's present Historic District are marked by unique signs on Main Street and Route 27. This past year has brought continued cooperation from Fleet Bank resulting in the replacement of two exterior fixtures on the building with lanterns, in keeping with its surroundings. Although not within the District, architecture more in style of our town's New England heritage has been requested of the Epping Crossing project off of Route 125 and will be honored. Working with the Rockingham Planning Commission, members of this Commission may be participating in Epping's possible eligibility as a Main Street Community.

We meet on an informal need to meet basis. Your help and inquiries are always welcome.

Members: Debbie McConnell, Susan McGeough, Devon Rains, Rob Graham, Madelyn Williamson, Chair

**The Epping Historical Society**

Founded over 30 years ago, the Society remains an active resource center for Epping history and welcomes visitors of all ages year round. Thanks to many contributors, our displays and collections of maps, documents and information on Epping families from colonial to the present time, continue to increase in quantity and quality.

The old Town Safe and a copy of Epping's first town record book (from 1742) are now housed in the

building. Video tapes of society programs are available on topics ranging from Epping history, to Native American life and folklore, logging, wrestling in New England and our famous Epping Brickyards.

Last year's opening ceremony of Epping Olde Home Days, was highlighted by the Society-initiated revived tradition of presenting the Boston Post Cane to our oldest resident. Dick Sanborn was the recipient. Currently we are working with the State of New Hampshire for placement of two historical markers for Epping.

The Epping Historical Society building is open every Wednesday from 10 am- 2 pm and on Monday evenings from 6 pm – 9 pm. You are always most welcome to join is!

Board Members: Fran Allen, "Sonny" Beauchesne, Dan Bennis (Vice President), Joe Denoncour, Anne Reardon (President), Joy True (Treasurer), Madelyn Williamson (Curator)

**Epping Olde Home Day**

The 2002 Olde Home Day held on August 17th and 18th was a fun-packed weekend. As has become the traditional kickoff of the celebration, breakfast was offered to all at the Major General John Sullivan Lodge #2, followed by the Jack Sharkey Road Race starting point at Watson Academy. The race included, not only the 5K race, but also a Tyke Trot, One Mile race for junior runners and a Wacky Wheel race for any age.

The second annual bed race was held at Watson Academy again this year with several beds participating in the two divisions much to the enjoyment of all viewing the creativity used by the teams on their bed entries as well as some of the tactics of the participants to win, including squirting the

viewing crowd with water guns.

The Official Opening began at the Elementary School field with a Native American Ceremony welcoming all to the event. Dan Sullivan and Sonny Beauchesne explained the symbolism of the "Talking Stick" in Native American tradition and this theme was repeated throughout the ceremony. The event included the presentation of the Boston Post Cane to Richard "Dick" Sanborn who was the oldest person nominated to receive this honor with his family all being present for this prestigious award. Reverend Townsend offered a prayer and the ceremony concluded with the singing of God Bless America, led by Madelyn Williamson and accompanied by the Foggy Dew Band.

The youngest residents of the town then paraded the grounds to the enjoyment of young and old in the first annual Dolly Carriage Parade. Each recipient received a prize and ribbon for their imaginative creations.

Entertainment was offered throughout both days including Folk Music with Jim and Kevin, Irish Folk Music with Foggy Dew, Country Oldies with Diane Witham, Acoustic Rock with Lost it All, American Folk Music with Rob Oxford, Bluegrass Music with American Flyer and Historic American Music with Bob Kilham.

Other events for the young and old were the Native American Story Telling offered by Sonny Beauchesne as well as a Native American Candy Dance hosted by Sonny and Cathy Beauchesne. All were invited into an authentic teepee featuring the different aspects of teepee living by our ancestors.

The Magician "Tricky Dick" had everyone chuckling at his antics and slight-of-hand on Sunday. Again this year the demonstration featuring our town's very own police dog, Twister,

with Officer Raymond Fluet, held the attention of everyone during the K-9 demo. Pony rides were offered to our youngest citizens as well as balloon-making by Beth the Clown.

Booths filled the field not only featuring various foods and beverages but historical information, as well as businesses offering their fine products and services including wood-working, jewelry, dried flowers, quilts, monogramming, ski mobiles, locally authored books. Several non-profit groups were also booth participants. The Exeter Hospital provided free bicycle helmets to children and the Major General John Sullivan Lodge offered fingerprinting for the children.

Popular activities for our children were the Girl Scouts providing games and prizes, the Artist in Resident program with face painting and, new this year, the Epping Fire Explorer Post 716 offering a min-muster including welcomed relief from record breaking temperatures in the target hose water spraying part of the muster.

Saturday included a wrestling match provided by Jason Sanderson in our Elementary School and the Community Church hosted a chicken barbecue on the fair grounds with entertainment provided during the supper on Saturday and Sunday, the Knights of Columbus hosted a roast beef dinner throughout the day.

The two-day event came to a conclusion with Selectman Steve Johnson expressing appreciation for all the volunteers who helped with this year's successful affair. Father Mike from St. Joseph Church offered a closing prayer.

The success of this celebration should be credited not only to the committee members, but also to the large number of volunteers giving their energy and time and of course, the

town folks for making this event a success by their attendance and support.

## Planning Board Report

In 2002 the Board welcomed a newly elected member, Austin Bishop, and voted him as Secretary to the Board. Robert Graham remained Chairman, Cory McPhee Vice-Chairman, and Ron Nowe Treasurer. Paul Spidle became an Alternate along with Steve Illsley, and Dale Smith. Dale had to resign as Alternate due to a job transfer. The Board thanked Dale and wished him well. Susan McGeough was appointed to serve as the Selectmen's Representative, with Kim Sullivan serving as the Selectmen's alternate. Charlie Smart, the Town's former Code Enforcement Officer went on to a new job, and was replaced by Kevin Kelley, who held the position of Building/Code Inspector approximately 20 years ago. This was the last year for Circuit Rider/Planner, Mike Garrepy with the Town; his replacement is Clay Mitchell, who held the position as Town Planner from 1997 to 2000. The Board thanked Mike for his dedication to the Town, and welcomed Clay back. The entire Board, as always, wishes to thank the citizens of Epping for their continued support and interest throughout the year.

In all, (12) Twelve Site Plan reviews and (9) Nine Subdivisions, totaling (36) Thirty-six lots, (2) Two Lot Line Adjustments and (1) One Excavation, came before the Board. The Board worked diligently on the site where a Super Wal-Mart will be located. Two of the applications to come before the Board was for restaurants, both were approved and are now in operation; the name of the establishments are The Foxfire Grill and Zampa's.



*Planning Board Assistant -- Phyllis McDonough*

We note and commend your willingness to see some of our zoning matters through the Town Meeting. All contacts and issues relating to planning in the Town of Epping shall be forwarded to the new Planner, Clay Mitchell. Generally scheduled office hours for the Planner will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am until 2:00pm; however, contacting the Planning Board secretary at 679-1202 will ensure that time is available.

We thank you for your commitment and continued service.

### *Your Planning Board*

Officers: Rob Graham, Cory McPhee, Austin Bishop, Ron Nowe, Selectman's Representative Susan McGeough; Planning Board Assistant Phyllis McDonough.

## Police Department

The Town of Epping will see many changes as commercial development begins. Many of the Town's services will feel the impact. Although the next few months will prove to be an exciting time for the Town, the strain on our resources could affect the services we provide. A statistical comparison for the past four years is provided to help illustrate the activity of our department.



Police Prosecutor -- Karen Springer



Officers Gregory Nye and Mike Wallace

staffing in his division has not increased the workload certainly has. At one time we assigned an officer to work with the detective during the summer months when school was out of session and the School Resource Officer was available to work patrol shifts. Unfortunately I wasn't able to do that this year because another full-time officer was still on active military duty. An additional detective's position is needed so we may remain an efficient police department and attempt to keep up with the growing caseload, that position is included on this year's warrant. Your support in this endeavor would be appreciated and I will address the issue in more detail at the deliberative session.

Some personnel changes were encountered in 2002; Officer Art Reed left the department in April to become the Chief of Police in Newfields, NH. I want to thank Art for his contributions and wish him well in his new job. Officer Gregory

Attorney Springer was a better alternative than using the services of the Rockingham County Attorney's office. Maintaining records here with Attorney Springer and allowing her the opportunity to meet with defendants and be more accessible to the public is truly more beneficial.



Police Administrative Assistant -- Julie Sullivan

I also want to congratulate all the members of the department who continue to support Special Olympics of New Hampshire. We have been an active participant in the Law Enforcement Torch Run sponsored by Special Olympics since 1995. Officers run from the Brentwood town line to the Lee town along Route 125 as the torch makes its way to UNH in Durham, NH. They volunteer their time and last year raised over \$1,800.00 for the Special Olympics program. There are many programs that the officers are involved with to include the football program. Officers' Richard McFadden, Richard Cote, and Sean Gallagher all assist with the program and continue to work with the youth on their own time.

You will no doubt note that the police department has asked for a significant increase in the 2003 budget. Most of the increases are in health insurance, retirement benefits, court prosecution, and equipment needed by the Police Department. Last year

CATEGORY	1999	2000	% +/-	2001	% +/-	2002	% +/-
Crimes Reported	517	479	-7%	516	8%	507	-2%
Arrests	275	313	14%	378	21%	348	-8%
Accidents	139	174	25%	201	16%	224	11%
Calls for Service	5,008	5,016	0%	6,910	38%	7,331	6%
Investigations	45	45	0%	63	40%	82	30%

As you can see there was a slight decrease in the number of crimes reported as compared to 2001 with an 8% decrease in the number of arrests made. We have experienced an 11% increase in the number of accidents investigated along with a 6% increase in calls for service and a 30% increase in the number of active cases being investigated. The decrease in the number of arrests being made could be directly impacted by the ever-growing caseload. The department employs one detective and although

Nye gained permanent status with Art Reed's departure and I am confident he will continue to be an asset to the Town of Epping. All the men and women of this department work hard to keep Epping a safe place to live and I thank them for all their hard work and dedication. I also welcome Attorney Karen Springer to the police department as our prosecutor. Karen had a long relationship with the Exeter Police Department prior to coming here and is well respected in the Exeter Court. I felt hiring

all the equipment requested in the warrant was defeated. I will always respect the will of the people but when requests are rejected the need doesn't go away it is only compounded. In 2002 more money was expended to repair cruisers than anticipated. As the equipment gets older the need for repair increases. Having said that I will tell you that there are articles on the warrant for which I need your support. The equipment requested is needed in order for the police department to be more efficient and respond to your request for services. I am sensitive to the taxpayer and focus always on what the department truly needs versus what we would like to have. You will have an opportunity to ask questions about the requests made during the deliberative session and I encourage attending.



*Officers Rich Cote and Kevin Kelley*



*Police Officer Sean Gallagher*

The Epping Police Exploring membership under the supervision of Officer Bradley Jardis has grown to twelve. I applaud Brad for his willingness to work with the youth of this town and ensuring that the program stays alive. If you are interested in law enforcement and want to be a part of the Explorers, please contact the police department for more information.

Another unfortunate OHRV accident claimed the life of an Epping youth. The barricades that were installed by the Department of Recreation and Economic Development were in my opinion poorly marked. Public input and meetings with concerned citizens has made some progress. Recently the barricades have been highlighted with a highly visible and fluorescent color scheme, in addition and in advance of the barricades, retractable warning devices have been installed which are designed to catch the attention of the operator prior to reaching the gate. Although the trails have been better marked I must stress that the Epping portion of the trail system remains closed to all wheeled OHRV's and is open to snowmobiles only. Operators are warned that the trail is being patrolled more aggressively now and violators will be summonsed to court and their vehicle will be towed. Parental guidance is also necessary in an effort to keep your child safe. Safety equipment should always be worn while riding an OHRV. Brochures are available at the police station outlining the proper operation of these types of vehicles.

As always public input is important to us and I encourage you to stop by the Safety Complex to seek answers to any questions you might have. Have a great 2003!

*Chief Gregory C. Dodge*

## **Recreation Department**

Similar to the past several years the Recreation Department will once again go through a transitional period as former director Sean Kotkowski will be returning to graduate school at the nearby University of New Hampshire. While town officials begin the process of hiring a new director, the recreation department will function normally with part-time help from Sean, help from current staff, and continued support from recreation commission members. At this time I would like to highlight several popular programs that the department offers throughout the year. The After School Program continued to grow over the last year and now caters to over thirty-five different kids throughout the year. This program provides school-age children the opportunity to get assistance with homework and participate in a variety of arts, crafts, and fun activities all while developing new and lasting friendships with staff and peers. This program officially welcomes new help Jamie Brooks and Melanie Bilodeau to the fun of After School Rec!

The Summer Recreation Program saw overwhelming success again this year serving over seventy-five different children throughout the seven-week program. This day camp provides Epping residents the opportunity to visit a variety of educational and fun seacoast attractions including Canobie Lake Park, and The See Science Center just to name a few. While two days a week are spent on field trips, the rest of the week offers traditional camp activities and games to keep your kids entertained during the hot summer months. I would once again like to thank Mark Vallone, the Epping Elementary School, and the entire staff for their cooperation in making this summer even better than last year. The programs highlighted



# Warrants & Budgets for the Year 2003

To the inhabitants of the Town of Epping, in the County of Rockingham, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Middle/High School Gymnasium located on Prescott Road on Tuesday, February 4, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. for a Deliberative Session and at the Middle/High School Gymnasium located on Prescott Road on Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 8:00 A. M. to 7:00 P.M. to act upon the following:

TO BE TAKEN UP TUESDAY,  
MARCH 11, 2003:

**ARTICLE 1:** To select persons to fill the following elected positions: two for Selectman for three year terms each; three Budget Committee positions for three year terms each; two Budget Committee positions for one year terms each; two for Planning Board for three year terms each; two for Zoning Board of Adjustment for three year terms each; one for Cemetery Trustee for a three year term; one for Fire Ward for a three year term; one for Library Trustee for a three year term; one for Trustee of Trust Funds for a three year term; one for Water & Sewer Commissioner for a three year term.

## Candidates:

Budget Committee - 3 years  
Vote for not more than 3  
Laurie A. Bentz  
Michael King  
Ron LaChance  
Budget Committee - 1 year  
Vote for not more than 2  
Jennifer Yergeau

Cemetery Trustee - 3 years  
Vote for not more than 1  
Daniel W. Harvey

Fire Ward - 3 years  
Vote for not more than 1  
Charles H. Goodspeed  
Donald H. Oakes

Library Trustee - 3 years  
Vote for not more than 1  
Deborah McConnell

Library Trustee - 2 years  
Vote for not more than 1

Planning Board - 3 years  
Vote for not more than 2  
Rob Graham  
Steve Illsley  
Paul Spidle

Selectman - 3 years  
Vote for not more than 2  
Dianne Gilbert  
Michael J. Jean  
Stephen Johnson  
Christopher Murphy  
Ken Twombly Sr.

Trust Fund Trustee - 3 years  
Vote for not more than 1  
Daniel W. Harvey

Water & Sewer Commissioner -  
3 years  
Vote for not more than 1  
Roger Gauthier

Zoning Board of Adjustment - 3 years  
Vote for not more than 2  
Dick Fisher  
Ron LaChance

Epping School District  
School Board Member - 3 years  
Vote for not more than 1  
Gary MacLeay  
Pam Tibbetts

**ARTICLE 2:** To establish following the guidelines in RSA 669:16, two additional seats on the Board of Library Trustees.

**ARTICLE 3:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as Article 15 as follows: Optional Open Space Design Subdivision - The intent of this ordinance is to provide a flexible method of residential development that is consistent with principles of sound planning and wise land use that are not specifically permitted in the current zoning ordinance. Developments under this article will be required to preserve large portions of the site from future development in exchange for flexible design options. All public utilities and roads within the development shall be built to Town of Epping standards. This is an optional form of subdivision design that requires adherence to specific criteria intended to protect abutters and residents of the development from adverse impacts. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen.)

**ARTICLE 4:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Elderly Housing Overlay - This ordinance seeks to address the housing needs of the elderly and to encourage the development of such housing to meet the needs of persons who have lived in Epping and who would like to continue to reside in Town, but who are no longer able or interested in residing in and maintaining a

conventional residence. The ordinance encourages the development of elderly housing by permitting such housing to be developed at a higher unit density and with a certain amount of planning flexibility that is greater than that permitted for conventional single family housing development. These developments will be permitted in the Residential, Residential/Commercial and High Density Residential Districts. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen.)

**ARTICLE 5:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To repeal and remove the following sections of Article 3 and Article 6 as they relate to parking and circulation requirements that are covered in the Site Plan Review Regulations: Sections 3.9.5, 3.9.6 and Section 6.3. The intent of these changes is to bring the ordinance into consistency with the Board's policy with respect to a number of issues, streamline the Town's regulations and provide the Board with a more current regulatory framework with which to process industrial and commercial applications. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen.)

**ARTICLE 6:** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To repeal and remove the following sections of Article 3 as they are redundant with other parts of the ordinance and already covered in the Site Plan Review Regulations: Section 3.6 Definitions, 3.8 Procedures and Development Regulations and 3.9.13 Stormwater Drainage 3.9.14 Snow & Trash and 3.9.15 Water & Sewer. The intent of these changes is to bring

the ordinance into consistency with the Board's policy with respect to a number of issues, streamline the Town's regulations and provide the Board with a more current regulatory framework with which to process industrial and commercial applications. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen.)

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.) for the purpose of pursuing "take out financing" of the State's portion of the construction and upgrading of the Town's Waste Water Treatment Facility, and to borrow in the name of the Town by issuance of serial notes or bonds, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), a sum not to exceed \$900,000. for the purpose of capturing the costs of the foregoing project, and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (3/5 majority vote required. Recommended by Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a ten (10) year Lease Agreement for the purpose of leasing a Fire Engine with CAFS (Compressed Air Foam System) for the Fire Department; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Seven Dollars (\$19,547.) for the first semiannual payment for that purpose. This lease agreement will contain a non-appropriation clause and is expected to cost a grand total of Three Hundred Ninety Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$390,940.) with a One Dollar (\$1.00) purchase option at the end of the lease term. (Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Fire Wards, the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to deposit fifty per cent (50%) of the Land Use Change Tax (Current Use) pursuant to RSA 79-A:25, II into a separate Conservation Fund for the purchase of land or the acquisition of Conservation Easements, but not more than will result in there being more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.) of such revenue in said Conservation Fund at any time; any disbursements or expenditures from said fund will require Board of Selectmen approval; further Land Use Change Tax collected from land sold to the Town or School District would be exempt from the disbursement made to said Conservation Fund. Passage of this article will supersede any previous articles regarding the use of land use change tax revenues to purchase land or conservation easements in the Town. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition. Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.) under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purchase of a Highway Department 6-wheel dump truck to be equipped with a wing and plow; the Board of Selectmen have been appointed the agent to expend said fund. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund (pursuant to RSA Chapter 35) for the future revaluation of the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000. towards



this purpose, and appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.) to be deposited into the existing Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a three (3) year lease agreement for the purpose of leasing a new 2003 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser for the Police Department; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.) for the first year's payment and to purchase equipment for said vehicle. This lease agreement will contain a non-appropriation clause and is expected to cost a grand total of Twenty Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000.) with a One-Dollar (\$1.00) purchase option at the end of the lease term. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a three (3) year lease agreement for the purpose of replacing and upgrading the computer network and workstations at the Police Department; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand and Three Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$9,356.) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement will contain a non-appropriation clause and is expected to cost a grand total of Twenty Eight Thou-

sand Sixty Six Dollars (\$28,066.) with a One-Dollar (\$1.00) purchase option at the end of the lease term. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$19,935.) to cover the salary and related benefits of an additional police officer to work in the Detective Division of the Police Department, effective July 1, 2003. Approval of this warrant article will make the position permanent. (Note: Estimated total salary and benefits for the 2004 annual budget is \$39,870.). (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$8,800.) for the purchase of 18 mobile radios, operating on the new split frequency as supported by Rockingham County Dispatch, for installation in the Fire, Ambulance and Officer vehicles. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Fire Wards, the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.) to sponsor in Epping an Olde Home Day event during the year 2003. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Board of Selectman and the Municipal Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars

(\$35,000.) to remove approximately 350 tons of existing scrap tires from the Town. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand and Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$3,250.) to establish an Emergency Management Budget. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.) in support of the Epping Youth Athletic Association. (Majority vote required. Submitted by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.) for the purpose of purchasing and installing a Carved Sign to be installed in front of the Epping Safety Complex. (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition. Recommended by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 22:** Are you in favor of approving a sum not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.) for the purchase of the land and buildings at 11 Prospect Street currently owned by Mr. Timothy Trefethen, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to obtain any necessary financing to acquire this property during 2003? (Majority vote required. Submitted by Petition).

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Five Dollars (\$36,195.) to

be distributed to the organizations listed below in the amounts noted for services estimated to be rendered to residents of the Town during the year 2003. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Budget Committee.)

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to send the following resolution to the New Hampshire Gen-

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million Seven Hundred Sixty Four Thousand and Six Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$4,764,633.) which represents the operating budget of the Town. Actual amount to be raised by taxes is: \$3,578,633. Said sum does not include the special and individual warrant articles herein contained. Should this article be defeated, the operating

**ARTICLE 26:** To see what action the Town will take in regards to the reports of its officers and agents.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL THIS 21st DAY OF JANUARY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND AND THREE.

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Thomas Gauthier, Chairman

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Kim Sullivan, Vice Chairman

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Susan McGeough, Selectman

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Dianne Gilbert, Selectman

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Steve Johnson, Selectman

Organization Recommend	2002 Appropriation	2003 Request	BOS Recommend	BudCom
Aids Response Seacoast	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0
Adult Tutorial Program	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
A Safe Place	\$500	\$2,000	\$500	\$500
American Red Cross	\$500	\$1,000	\$500	\$500
Area Homecare & Family Services	\$2,610	\$2,610	\$2,610	\$2,610
Child & Family Services	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Community Diversion Program	\$1,590	\$1,590	\$1,590	\$1,590
Lamprey Health Care	\$3,600	\$3,780	\$3,780	\$3,780
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Richie McFarland Children's Center	\$2,750	\$3,850	\$3,850	\$3,850
Rockingham Co. CAP	\$9,350	\$17,381	\$10,285	\$10,285
Rockingham Nutrition & Meals On Wheels	\$3,724	\$3,910	\$3,910	\$3,910
Seacoast Big Brother/ Big Sister Program	\$1,620	\$2,280	\$1,620	\$1,620
Seacoast Hospice	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Sexual Assault Support Services	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250
Seacoast Mental Health	\$ 0	\$2,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Sub Totals:	\$33,794	\$48,451	\$36,195	\$36,195

eral Court: Resolved, in its first two years of operation, the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has helped communities throughout New Hampshire preserve their natural, cultural and historic resources and therefore, the State of New Hampshire should maintain funding for LCHIP in its next biennial budget. (Majority vote required. Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.)

budget from last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Epping Board of Selectmen or by law will be the default budget; or the governing body may hold a special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and by the Municipal Budget Committee.)

MS-7

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: EPPING

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED  
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

or Fiscal Year From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the (date) 1/23/03

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

[Signature]  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
Brenda J. [Signature]

[Signature]  
[Signature]  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
(603)271-3397

MS-7 Budget - Town/City of EPPING FY2003									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)									
ACCT.#	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT									
4130-4139			175,701	161,540	184,698		184,698		XXXXXXXXXX
4140-4149			58,394	51,579	55,060		55,060		XXXXXXXXXX
4150-4151			109,943	107,826	120,991		120,991		XXXXXXXXXX
4152			15,800	21,123	20,000		20,000		XXXXXXXXXX
4153			30,500	23,467	30,500		30,500		XXXXXXXXXX
4155-4159			0	0	0		0		XXXXXXXXXX
4191-4193			61,162	57,651	55,780		55,780		XXXXXXXXXX
4194			91,145	77,929	106,120		106,120		XXXXXXXXXX
4195			1,400	814	1,400		1,400		XXXXXXXXXX
4196			43,100	41,835	41,835		41,835		XXXXXXXXXX
4197			0	0	0		0		XXXXXXXXXX
4199			16,256	28,124	30,450		30,450		XXXXXXXXXX
PUBLIC SAFETY									
4210-4214			683,657	698,604	775,174		775,174		XXXXXXXXXX
4215-4219			214,476	208,767	241,971		241,971		XXXXXXXXXX
4220-4229			114,287	91,595	119,610		119,610		XXXXXXXXXX
4240-4249			43,542	33,924	48,242		48,242		XXXXXXXXXX
4290-4298	16		0	0	0		0		XXXXXXXXXX
4299			0	0	0		0		XXXXXXXXXX
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER									
4301-4309			0	0	0		0		XXXXXXXXXX
HIGHWAYS & STREETS									
4311			0	0	0		0		XXXXXXXXXX
4312			427,761	437,463	412,519		412,519		XXXXXXXXXX
4313			0	0	0		0		XXXXXXXXXX

MS-7		Budget - Town of Epping			FY 2003					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
ACCT #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED		
HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.										
4316	Street Lighting		15,000	11,899	20,000		20,000			
4319	Other		0	0	0		0			
SANITATION										
4321	Administration		0	0	0		0			
4323	Solid Waste Collection		104,350	99,953	83,341		83,341			
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		132,061	148,738	165,000		165,000			
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		0	0	0		0			
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		255,521	183,763	478,848		478,848			
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT										
4331	Administration		8,950	9,092	10,610		10,610			
4332	Water Services		0	0	0		0			
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		63,518	92,184	90,708		90,708			
ELECTRIC										
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation		0	0	0		0			
4353	Purchase Costs		0	0	0		0			
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		0	0	0		0			
4359	Other Electric Costs		0	0	0		0			
HEALTH/WELFARE										
4411	Administration		0	0	0		0			
4414	Pest Control		2,860	2,412	2,880		2,880			
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		0	0	0		0			
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		10,000	6,603	10,000		10,000			
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		0	0	0		0			
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		0	0	0		0			





MS-7 Budget - Town of Epping F Y 2003

## \*\*SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\*

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED

	Wastewater Bond				900,000		900,000	
	Revaluation				60,000		60,000	
	Landfill Closure		20,000	20,000	15,000		15,000	
	Olde Home Days				4,000		4,000	
	Epping Youth Assn		3,000	3,000	3,000		3,000	
	Safety Complex Sign						2,000	
	<b>SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED</b>		<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>982,000</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>984,000</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>

## \*\*INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\*

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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	Highway Vehicle				10,000		10,000	
	Police Cruiser				8,500		8,500	
	Police Computer Network				9,356		9,356	
	Police Officer-Det Div				19,935		19,935	
	Fire Engine - CAFS				19,547		19,547	
	Fire Mobile Radios				8,800		8,800	
	<b>SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED</b>		<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>



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MS-7  
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MS-7 Budget - Town/City of <u>EPPING</u> FY 2003					
1	2	3	4	5	6
ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>TAXES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		21,000	189,178	50,000
3180	Resident Taxes		0	0	0
3185	Timber Taxes		3,000	12,580	3,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		0	0	0
3189	Other Taxes		1,000	0	1,000
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		75,000	63,000	60,000
	Inventory Penalties		0	0	0
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		6,000	3,809	1,000
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		1,400	2,664	1,400
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		720,000	871,029	850,000
3230	Building Permits		25,000	41,699	50,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		32,000	210	2,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		0	17,546	500,000
<b>FROM STATE</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3351	Shared Revenues		33,564	33,564	33,564
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		140,000	196,964	160,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		119,000	118,981	125,288
3354	Water Pollution Grant		0	0	0
3355	Housing & Community Development		0	0	0
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		0	0	0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		0	0	0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		0	0	115,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		0	0	0
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3401-3406	Income from Departments		149,044	129,363	151,675
3409	Other Charges		0	0	0
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		0	25,727	0
3502	Interest on Investments		45,000	11,260	10,000
3503-3509	Other - Cable TV Franchise		88,017	20,800	23,500
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		100,000	122,424	130,024
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		0	1,312,807	738,000

MS-7 Budget - Town/City of <u>EPPING</u> FY <u>2003</u>					
1	2	3	4	5	6
ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds		0	108,921	36,000
	Sewer - (Offset)		255,521	132,445	426,152
	Water - (Offset)		72,468	0	103,000
	Electric - (Offset)		0	0	0
	Airport - (Offset)		0	0	0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		0	0	0
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds		0	0	0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		0	175,850	124,150
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		0	0	0
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		0	0	120,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			1,887,014	3,590,826	3,814,753

**\*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\***

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	3,040,162	4,764,633	4,764,633
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	323,000	982,000	984,000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	112,594	150,583	150,583
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	3,475,756	5,897,216	5,899,216
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	1,887,014	3,814,753	3,814,753
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1,588,742	2,082,463	2,084,463

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 552,471

(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

**BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**  
 (For Calculating 10% Maximum Increase)  
 (RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

**VERSION #1: Use if you have no Collective Bargaining Cost Items or RSA 32:21 Water Costs**

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: EPPING FISCAL YEAR END 2003

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1. Total <b>RECOMMENDED</b> by Budget Comm. (See Posted Budget MS7, 27, or 37)	5,899,216
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	158,442
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	91,918
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b.	124,150
5. Mandatory Assessments	0
6. Total exclusions (Sum of rows 2 - 5)	< 374,510 >
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (line 1 less line 6)	5,524,706
8. Line 7 times 10%	552,471
9. Maximum Allowable Appropriations (lines 1 + 8)	6,451,687

Line 8 is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget. Please enter this amount on the bottom of the posted budget form, MS7, 27, or 37.

Please attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.





here and all others sponsored by the Recreation Department take place at Watson Academy. The local community has continued to use Watson Academy as a valuable resource and many different organizations have met, taught, and shared in what were the original classrooms here in Epping. Throughout the year use of the building continued to climb now housing youth ceramics, morning and evening aerobics, the WIC program, a new Big Brother/Big Sisters program, along with many others. The department is excited to be able to work with these groups and share this wonderful old building with the wide variety of organizations that call Epping home.

Along with the programs and events that have been highlighted here the Recreation Department is proud to offer many other seasonal and year-long programs. This year we hope to expand by adding a ski program, several teen trips, and family oriented trips and events. If you have questions or comments about current or future programs or you have an idea you would like to see implemented please stop by the Recreation Office, call 679-3301, or email at [eppingrec@hotmail.com](mailto:eppingrec@hotmail.com).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the selectman, town administrator, and all Epping residents for their support over the last couple of years. Although I would like to thank each and every parent, child, and resident individually for what they have meant to me, it would be impossible to make a dent on that list in a timely fashion. Instead I offer a heavy-hearted farewell and best of luck to everyone in all of their endeavors. Thanks for everything, I will miss you all!

### Lamprey River Youth Soccer

The objective of Lamprey River Youth Soccer (LRYS) is to promote and enhance the game of soccer for the benefit of the youth of Epping. LRYs provides the opportunity for all eligible Epping youth to participate in soccer at the competitive (travel) level and indoor by establishing appropriate teams in area leagues such as the Seacoast League and at Crossroads Sports and by sponsoring local player and coach clinics.

Programs are available year round. Anyone with children age 5 through 16 who are interested in playing soccer can find more information and contact the organization at [www.eppingsoccer.com](http://www.eppingsoccer.com) or e-mail to: [info@eppingsoccer.com](mailto:info@eppingsoccer.com). LRYs is a non-profit organization.

### **Town Clerk's Report**

The Town Clerk's Office had the following activity during the period of January 1, 2002 — December 31, 2002: This was the first year that we had Senate Bill 2 in effect for the Town Election. We struggled with learning what we needed to do to have the process run smoothly, and we learned some valuable lessons. First of all we know we need lots of sample ballots so everyone can be familiar with the warrant articles before they get to the voting booths. We also discovered that we need to set up more voting booths, and the Town Hall is not large enough to accommodate an increase in booths.



*Town Clerks -- Joyce Blanchard and Linda Foley*

Finally we were surprised at the number of voters who came to the polls. We ran out of ballots and had to make more copies. It was wonderful to see so many people taking the time to come out and vote. We will be holding the election at the school this year and we hope it will better accommodate our increased number of voters.

Last year we attempted to put together a Town Report that could be ready in time for the deliberative session. As a result I was not able to have information in my reports that reflected a full year of activity. We are back on a later schedule again so I hope the reports will be more meaningful.

*Linda Foley, Town Clerk*

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	8,007	\$855,096.50
Municipal Agent Transactions	6,369	15,923.50
Dog Licenses	748	4,636.50
Dump Permits	2,973	2,973.00
Marriage Licenses	33	1,485.00
Vital Records Certificates	75	965.00
UCC Filings	17	2,664.00
Miscellaneous		793.75
<b>Total Remitted to Treasurer</b>		<b>\$884,537.25</b>

## Water and Sewer TO THE CITIZENS OF EPPING:

We, the Board of Commissioners, have had a very good year for the Town of Epping. What we have approved will benefit the Town at no taxes to the citizens.

We took over the operation of our \$5,000,000 Waste Water Treatment Facility on May 18, 2002. When we accepted the operation the "30 Day - No Problem" had been completed to the satisfaction of our Engineers and the Water and Sewer Commissioners.

We had several meetings with the Developer of Epping Crossing (Wal-Mart) about water and sewer. These negotiations resulted in water and sewer expansion to the site at no cost to the taxpayers of Epping.

We are in negotiations with other developers on expansions of our systems. All developers will be responsible for all costs for sewer and water expansions, so there will be no cost to the taxpayers.

We are very fortunate to have two men who are licensed with the State to operate our \$5,000,000 Waste Water Treatment Facility. We also have one man to work part time during vacations or sick leave. This man is a great asset to our department. These men also take care of our Water Department. Our Board is very thankful for their dedication.

The Hoar Pond Well #2 has been tested and the results were very good. We are now waiting for wellhead protection easements from property owners around the well. Once we have them, this well will go on line.



*Water & Sewer Staff -- Norm Dionne and Bob Kilham*

That will give us three very good wells to draw from for quite a few years.

We still have a lot of infrastructure work to accomplish such as looping dead-end lines and replacing under-sized lines. This will allow us to give the citizens of Epping better water.

We are sorry that we had to increase the sewer fees last fall. We are working to reduce the cost by increasing the volume of sewerage to our plant. The cost of processing more sewers is very minimal so we should have more income, thereby reducing the fee.

The Board of Commissioners has had a very successful tenure and we hope to continue this. We thank our customers for being patient and helpful when we have had problems. The future of the Epping Water and Sewer Department looks very challenging for us the Commissioners.

*Thanks again,  
Roger Gauthier, Henry DeBoer  
Mike King*

## Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment consists of five elected members: Chairman Paul Langdon, Jr., Vice Chairman Thomas Dwyer, Jr., Kevin Murphy, Steve Illsley and newly elected member Paul Brown. Alternates are Paul Spidle and Richard Fisher. Zoning Secretary Phyllis McDonough.

In 2002, the ZBA heard **Four** requests for Variances that were granted. **One** Variance that was denied and **One** was withdrawn, but returned and was approved.

New Hampshire law strictly controls the actions of ZBA Boards in the state. By law a ZBA can only grant three kinds of requests: an appeal of a previous administrative decision regarding the meaning of the Town Ordinance; a request for a Special Exception (if it meets all the specific conditions of the Town Ordinance), and request for a Variance from the literal wording of the ordinance-**IF** it meets five tests spelled out in state law. Therefore, your Zoning Board of Adjustment earnestly asks every person considering an appeal to **read Epping's Zoning Ordinance carefully beforehand, and to refrain from submitting any request which cannot be granted within these laws.** By so doing they will save themselves time, expense and frustration.

For example, Epping's Zoning Ordinance states that certain uses are permitted by Special Exception in the Aquifer Protection District, provided they will not pollute the aquifer, significantly reduce the volume of water which it contains, or discharge hazardous materials on site. It is the ZBA's responsibility to decide whether or not a request meets these conditions. If the ZBA finds all the conditions have been met, it must grant the request; if it finds even one



condition is not met, under the law it cannot grant it. If a variance is requested, by State law the ZBA can grant it **ONLY** if all five criteria are met:

- Value of surrounding properties would not be reduced.
- Granting the appeal would be in the public interest.
- Denying the appeal would effectively prevent the owner from making any reasonable use of the land.
- By granting the appeal substantial justice would be done.
- The use must not be contrary to the "spirit and intent" of the zoning ordinance. The courts have ruled "when an ordinance contains a restriction against a particular use of the land, the ZBA would violate the spirit and intent by permitting that use."

The principle underlying these laws is **ONLY THE VOTERS HAVE**

**POWER TO CHANGE THEIR ZONING ORDINANCE.** No ZBA has this power.

Members continue to attend law lectures for Zoning Boards sponsored by the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

The Board would like to remind the public that the Zoning Board of Adjustment meets as needed and all meetings are televised on EPTV. The Board also invites the public to attend the meetings.

*Your Zoning Board of Adjustment*

Officers: Paul Langdon, Jr., Thomas Dwyer, Jr., Kevin Murphy, Steve Illsley, and Paul Brown.

Alternates: Paul Spidle, Dick Fisher.  
Zoning Board Assistant Phyllis McDonough.

# Financial Reports

## Tax Collector's Report MS-61

(Year Ending 12-31-2002)

DEBITS	2002	2001	2000	1999 & Prior
UNCOLLECTED TAXES				
BEGINNING OF YEAR				
Property Taxes		445,791	2	
Land Use Change Tax		8,500		
Excavation Activity Tax		708		
Tax Liens		108,859	46,561	45,585
Water & Sewer Liens				4,414
Water Billing		26,688	311	261
Sewer Billing		38,879	366	383
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TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR				
Property Taxes	6,646,442	5,009		
Land Use Change Tax	188,280			
Timber Tax	12,580			
Gravel Tax	1,392			
Tax Lien Executed	217,354			
Water Billing	89,478			
Sewer Billing	166,324			
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OVERPAYMENT/REFUNDS				
Property Taxes	31,530 **	811		
Land Use Change Tax	2,984			
Excavation Activity Tax		5,009		
Water Billing	250			
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ADJUSTMENT FOR SMALL CREDIT BALANCES				
Property Taxes	5			
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INTEREST & PENALTIES CHARGED				
Interest for Taxes	5,492	19,823		
Penalties for Taxes		5,272		
Interest for Tax Liens	5,642	8,574	11,354	2,452
Interest for Water	238	356	67	60
Interest for Sewer	322	462	76	91
Interest for Water & Sewer Liens			702	
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TOTAL DEBITS	7,368,313	674,741	58,737	53,948

\*\*This number is unusually high this year because of the number of refinances that resulted in duplicate payments.

<b>CREDITS</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999 &amp; Prior</b>
REMITTED TO TREASURER				
Property Taxes	6,024,479	249,537	2	
Land Use Change Tax	183,064			
Timber Tax	12,370			
Excavation Activity Tax		708		
Gravel Tax	1,392			
Taxes Converted to Lien		202,246		
Tax Liens Redeemed	111,132	53,891	42,728	4,125
Interest for Taxes	5,492	19,823		
Interest for Tax Liens	5,642	8,574	11,354	2,452
Penalties for Taxes		5,272		
Water Billing	63,292	26,522	311	261
Sewer Billing	108,252	38,577	366	383
Interest for Water	238	356	67	60
Interest for Sewer	322	462	76	91
Water & Sewer Liens				991
Interest for Water & Sewer Liens			702	
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<b>ADJUSTMENTS MADE</b>				
Transfer Payments from Excavation Activity Tax to Property Tax		5,009		
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<b>ABATEMENTS MADE</b>				
Property Taxes	880	3,319		
Excavation Activity Tax		5,009		
Water Billing	109	165		
Sewer Billing	466	185		
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<b>CURRENT LEVY DEEDED</b>				
Property Taxes	19			
Tax Liens	74	71	71	297
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<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT END OF YEAR</b>				
Property Taxes	652,599			
Land Use Change Tax	8,200			
Timber Tax	210			
Property Tax Liens	106,149	54,897	3,762	41,163
Water Billing	26,327	1		
Sewer Billing	57,605	117		
Water & Sewer Liens				3,423
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<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>7,368,313</b>	<b>674,741</b>	<b>58,737</b>	<b>53,948</b>

**Summary of Valuation MS-1**

<b>Value of Land</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
Current Use	9,436.92	\$1,055,858	\$1,042,323	\$(13,535)
Residential	4,632.23	\$51,792,478	\$52,770,279	\$977,801
Commercial/ Industrial	801.86	\$9,884,600	\$10,082,000	\$197,400
Total Taxable Land	1,487.01	\$62,732,936	\$63,894,602	\$1,161,666
Tax Exempt/Non-Taxable	592.54	\$4,362,479	\$4,583,779	\$221,300

**Value of Buildings**

Public Utilities	\$6,746,884	\$6,746,884	\$-
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<b>Valuation before Exemptions</b>		<b>\$218,320,058</b>	<b>\$223,418,890</b>	<b>\$5,098,832</b>
Blind Exemption	7@ \$15,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$-
Elderly Exemption	64	\$1,601,800	\$1,495,900	\$(105,900)
<b>Total Amount of Exemptions</b>		<b>\$1,706,800</b>	<b>\$1,600,900</b>	<b>\$(105,900)</b>
Net Value for Local Tax Rate		\$216,613,258	\$221,817,990	\$5,204,732
Net Value w/o Utilities for State Education Tax		\$209,866,374	\$215,071,106	\$5,204,732

**Public Utilities**

Public Service	\$6,433,684	\$6,433,684	\$-
NH Electric Coop	\$313,200	\$313,200	\$-
<b>Total Public Utilities</b>	<b>\$6,746,884</b>	<b>\$6,746,884</b>	<b>\$-</b>

**Statement of Appropriations MS-2**

<b>Item</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>General Government</b>			
Executive	\$166,442	\$175,701	\$(9,259)
Election, Reg & Vital Statistics	\$50,063	\$58,394	\$(8,331)
Financial Administration	\$105,961	\$109,943	\$(3,982)
Revaluation of Property	\$15,000	\$15,800	\$(800)
Legal Expense	\$25,500	\$30,500	\$(5,000)
Personnel Administration	\$-	\$-	\$-
Planning & Zoning	\$59,563	\$61,162	\$(1,599)
General Government Buildings	\$74,922	\$111,145	\$(36,223)
Cemeteries	\$6,400	\$1,400	\$5,000
Insurance	\$34,457	\$43,100	\$(8,643)
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other General Government	\$14,351	\$16,256	\$(1,905)

**Public Safety**

Police	\$625,694	\$683,657	\$(57,963)
Ambulance	\$190,597	\$214,476	\$(23,879)
Fire	\$116,496	\$114,287	\$2,209
Building Inspection	\$41,492	\$43,542	\$(2,050)
Emergency Management	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other Public Safety	\$-	\$-	\$-

**Airport/ Aviation Center**

Airport Operations	0	0	\$-
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**Highways & Streets**

Administration	\$-	\$-	\$-
Highways & Streets	\$402,887	\$742,761	\$(339,874)
Bridges	\$-	\$-	\$-
Street Lighting	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$-
Other	\$-	\$-	\$-

**Sanitation**

Administration	\$-	\$-	\$-
Solid Waste Collection	\$60,975	\$104,350	\$(43,375)
Solid Waste Disposal	\$124,775	\$187,061	\$(62,286)
Solid Waste Clean-up	\$-	\$-	\$-
Sewage Col. & Disposal & Other	\$124,099	\$255,521	\$(131,422)

**Water Distribution & Treatment**

Administration	\$-	\$8,950	\$(8,950)
Water Services	\$61,777	\$-	\$61,777
Water Treatment, Conservation & Other	\$-	\$63,518	\$(63,518)

**Electric**

Electrical Operations	\$-	\$-	\$-
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**Health**

Administration	\$-	\$-	\$-
Pest Control(Animal Control Officer)	\$2,860	\$2,860	\$-
Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	\$35,414	\$-	\$35,414

**Welfare**

Administration& Direct Assistance	\$10,000	\$44,794	\$(34,794)
Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	0	0	\$-
Vendor Payments & Other	0	0	\$-

**Culture & Recreation**

Parks & Recreation	\$104,060	\$138,694	\$(34,634)
Library	68700	\$81,000	\$(12,300)
Patriotic Purposes	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$-
Other Culture & Recreation	\$3,000	\$-	\$3,000

**Conservation**

Admin. & Purch. Of Nat. Resources	\$-	\$1,000	\$(1,000)
Other Conservation	\$1,000	\$-	\$1,000

**Redevelopment & Housing**

Economic Development	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$-
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**Debt Service**

Principal: Long Term Bonds & Notes	109000	70000	\$39,000
Interest: Long Term Bonds & Notes	69929	68284	\$1,645
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	0	0	\$-
Other Debt Service	0	0	\$-

**Capital Outlay**

Land & Improvements	\$-	\$-	\$-
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	\$-	\$-	\$-
Buildings	\$48,750	\$-	\$48,750
Improvements Other than Buildings	\$-	\$-	\$-

**Operating Transfers Out**

To Special Revenue Fund	\$-	\$-	\$-
To Capital Projects Fund	\$15,000	\$-	\$15,000
To Enterprise Fund	\$-	\$-	\$-
Sewer	\$-	\$-	\$-
Water	\$-	\$-	\$-
Electric	\$-	\$-	\$-
Airport	\$-	\$-	\$-
To Capital Reserve Fund	\$-	\$-	\$-
To Expendable Trust Fund	\$-	\$-	\$-
To Health Maintenance Fund	\$-	\$-	\$-
To Non-Expendable Trust Fund	\$-	\$-	\$-
To Agency Funds	\$-	\$-	\$-
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>\$2,797,764</b>	<b>\$3,476,756</b>	<b>\$(678,992)</b>

**Revised Estimated Revenues MS-4**

Source of Revenue	FY01 Projected	FY02 Projected	Dollar Variance
<b>Taxes</b>			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$20,600	\$137,700	\$(117,100)
Resident Tax	\$-	\$-	\$-
Yield Taxes	\$9,450	\$10,470	\$(1,020)
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$-	\$2,515	\$(2,515)
Other Taxes	\$-	\$1,000	\$(1,000)
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$71,000	\$51,000	\$20,000
Inventory taxes	\$-	\$-	\$-
Excavation Tax (\$0.02 per cu yd)	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$-

**Licenses, Permits & Fees**

Business Licenses & Permits	\$2,021	\$1,400	\$621
Motor Vehicles Permit Fees	\$765,800	\$865,000	\$(99,200)
Building Permits	\$25,501	\$26,645	\$(1,144)
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$10,138	\$10,600	\$(462)

**State Government**

Shared Revenue	0	35758	\$(35,758)
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	\$163,816	\$163,669	\$147
Highway Block Grant	\$119,207	\$118,982	\$225
Water Pollution Grants	\$-	\$-	\$-
Housing & Community Development	\$-	\$-	\$-
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$-	\$-	\$-
Flood Control Reimbursement	\$-	\$-	\$-
Other Miscellaneous	\$34,182	\$115,000	\$(80,818)
From Other Governments	\$-	\$-	\$-

**Charges For Services**

Income from Departments	\$103,845	\$149,044	\$(45,199)
Other Charges	\$-	\$-	\$-

**Miscellaneous Revenues**

Sale of Municipal Property	\$47,020	\$-	\$47,020
Interest on Investments	\$55,960	\$25,000	\$30,960
Other	\$88,890	\$23,517	\$65,373

**Interfund Transfer In**

Special Revenue Fund (Safety Complex)	\$90,000	\$100,000	\$(10,000)
From Capital Projects Funds	\$-	\$-	\$-
From Enterprise Fund	\$-	\$-	\$-
From Sewer	\$435,284	\$255,521	\$179,763
From Water	\$233,700	\$72,468	\$161,232
From Electric	\$-	\$-	\$-
From Airport	\$-	\$-	\$-
Capital Reserve Fund	\$-	\$-	\$-
Trust & Agency Funds	\$-	\$-	\$-

**Other Financing Sources**

Proceeds from Long Term Notes & Bonds	\$-	\$300,000	\$(300,000)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,277,614</b>	<b>\$2,466,489</b>	<b>\$(188,875)</b>

**Unreserved Fund Balance**

Voted from Fund Balance "Surplus"	\$-
Unreserved Fund Balance- Retained	\$402,662
Unreserved Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes	\$180,000
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Credits:</b>	<b>\$2,869,151</b>
Requested Overlay	\$50,000

# General Information

## Elected Officials

### Governor of New Hampshire

The Honorable Craig Benson  
208-214 State House  
Concord, NH 03301  
603-271-2121

### US Senators

Senator John Sununu  
603-625-5585

Senator Judd Gregg  
603-431-2171

### US Representatives

Congressman Jeb Bradley  
603-641-9536

### Executive Councilor

Ruth Griffin  
603-271-3632

### Epping State Senate Representative

Iris Estabrook  
603-271-2675

### Epping State Representatives

Robert Dodge  
603-642-6515

MaryLou Flayhan  
603-679-5977

Daniel Itse  
603-642-9403

Matthew Vallone  
603-656-6246

### Board of Selectmen

*(includes elected end-of-term year)*

Tom Gauthier, 2004, Chair  
Susan McGeough, 2005  
Kim Sullivan, 2004  
Dianne Gilbert, 2003  
Steve Johnson, 2003

### Budget Committee

James McGeough, 2005, Chair  
Brenda McCartney, 2005  
Elizabeth Conrad, 2005  
Robert Goodrich, 2004  
Terry Sheehan, 2004 (Resigned) -  
Todd Trobaugh (Appointed) -  
R. Dale Smith, 2004 (Resigned) -  
Patricia Tierney (Appointed)  
John Sigmund, 2003  
Michael King, 2003  
Glenn Frederick, 2003  
Kim Sullivan,  
Selectmen's Representative  
Jeff Nollet, School Board  
Representative

### Cemetery Trustees

Daniel Harvey, 2003  
Fred Semprini, 2004  
Paul Spidle, 2005

### Fire Wards

R. Dale Smith, Chair, 2003  
(Resigned 10/02)  
Charles Goodspeed, Appointed  
Richard Cantrall, 2005  
Michael King, 2004  
Dianne Gilbert,  
Selectmen's Representative

### Library Trustees

Teresa Kucera, 2005, Chair  
(Resigned 9/02)  
Deborah McConnell, 2003  
Patricia Van Wagoner, 2004

### Moderator

Harold LaPierre, 2004  
Robert Goodrich,  
Appointed Assistant, 2004

### Town Clerk

Linda Foley, 2004  
Deputy: Joyce Blanchard

### Planning Board

Robert Graham, 2003, Chair  
Ronald Nowe, 2003  
Corey McPhee, 2004  
Austin Bishop, 2005  
Susan McGeough,  
Selectmen's Representative  
Kim Sullivan, Selectman's Alternate  
Steven Illsley,  
Appointed Alternate, 2003  
Paul Spidle,  
Appointed Alternate, 2005

### Supervisors of Checklist

Grace Lavoie, 2004  
Pamela Holmes, 2006  
Kim Gauthier, 2008

### Tax Collector

Linda Foley, 2004  
Deputy: Joyce Blanchard

### Treasurer

Patricia Tierney, 2005  
Deputy: Joseph Foley, 2005

### Trustees of Trust Fund

Joe Denoncour, 2004, Chair  
Mark Kucera, 2005  
Daniel Harvey, 2003

### Water and Sewer Commission

Roger Gauthier, 2003, Chair  
Michael King, 2004  
Henry DeBoer, 2005

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

Paul Langdon, Jr., 2003, Chair  
Kevin Murphy, 2003  
Tom Dwyer, Jr., 2004  
Steve Illsley, 2004  
Paul Brown, 2005  
Dick Fisher,  
Appointed Alternate, 2003  
Paul Spidle,  
Appointed Alternate 2004



## **Appointed Officials**

### **Ballot Clerks**

Doris Charron, 2004  
Joan Thompson, 2004  
Anne Marie Amaru, 2004  
Nancy Fecteau, 2004

### **Board of Selectmen**

Town Administrator, Craig Kleman (no term)  
Assessing Clerk, Administrative Assistant: Jeri Ann Smith (moved 10/02)  
Bookkeeper: Gladys Clark (no term)  
Planning Board Secretary: Phyllis McDonough (no term)  
Code Enforcement Officer: Kevin Kelley (no term)  
Civil Defense: Michael Jean

### **Conservation Commission**

Scott Pim, Chair, 2003  
Neal Folsom, 2003  
Scott Kenneson, 2004  
James Malcuit, 2005  
Carolyn Muise, 2005  
Nancy Chase, Alternate, 2005  
Jeff Conrad, Alternate, 2005  
Gerald Langdon, Forestry Committee  
Robert Kimball, Forestry Committee  
Kevin Martin, Forestry Committee  
Steve Johnson, Selectmen's Representative  
Isobel Parke, Honorable Member

### **Crossing Guard**

Beverly Laurent

### **Fire Department**

Chief of Department:  
Christopher P. Murphy (resigned)  
Henry Letourneau, Jr. (appointed 7-30-02) (no term)

### **Historic District Commission**

Madelyn Williamson, Chair  
Rob Graham  
Deborah McConnell  
Devon Rains  
Susan McGeough,  
Selectman's Representative

### **Lamprey River Advisory Committee**

Steve Johnson, 2003  
Sonja Gonzalez, 2003  
Kevin Martin, 2003

### **Library Director**

Duane Shaffer (no term)

### **Police Department**

Chief of Department:  
Gregory C. Dodge (no term)  
Secretary: Julie Sullivan (no term)  
Sergeant: Michael Wallace (no term)  
Sergeant: Jason Newman (no term)  
Detective: Marc Turner (no term)  
School Resource Officer:  
Richard McFadden  
Patrol Officers: Sean Gallagher, John Walsh, Richard Cote, Ray Fluett, Bradley  
Jardis, Gregory Nye (no term)  
Part-Time Officers: Sgt. Richard Newman, Sr., Paul Hanley, Jeffrey Leduc, Kevin Kelley, Shannon Lussier,  
Michael Tully (no term)  
Animal Control Officer: Robin Gilbert

### **Recreation Advisory Commission**

Mary Ellen Colford, 2003  
Patti Kappotis, 2003  
Gary MacLeay, 2004  
Carol Bonenfant, 2005  
Steve Johnson,  
Selectmen's Representative

### **Recreation Director**

Sean Kotkowski (no term)

### **Welfare Administrator**

Phyllis McDonough (no term)

## **School District Officers**

### **School Board**

Marci Morris, Chair, 2005  
Tom Carleton, 2003  
Scott Booth, 2004  
Susan Kimball, 2004  
Jeffrey Nollett, 2005

### **Superintendent of Schools**

Robert F. Bell

### **Business Administrator**

Barbara Munsey

### **Special Education Director**

Cathryn Zylinski

### **Director of Curriculum & Instruction**

Gary Tyrone

### **Administrators**

Grades 1-5  
Mark Vallone, Principal  
Christopher Andriski, Assistant Principal  
Grades 6-12  
Michael Sanz, Principal  
Dagmar Franke, Assistant Principal

### **Treasurer**

Rene Pettis, 2005

### **Clerk**

Robin O'Day, 2005

**Area Statistical Information**

CID Number:	810
County:	Rockingham
Labor Market Area:	Portsmouth-Rochester

**Distance to:**

Manchester, NH	15 miles
Boston, MA	50 miles
New York, NH	235 miles
Montreal, Canada	280 miles

Elevation:	160 feet
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Temperature (°F)	
Annual Average:	46.6
January Average:	22.2

Precipitation: Annual Average	44.0 inches
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**Demographics**

Population	2000	1990	1980	1970
Community	5,476	5,162	3,460	2,356
County	264,871	245,845	190,345	138,951

**2000 Population by Age:**

under 5	383	35 to 39	2,149
5 to 19	1,219	60 to 74	486
20 to 34	1,030	75 +	209

**Commuting Patterns:** 1990

Mean travel time to work (mins)	28.98
Residents working in community (%)	20%
Residents working elsewhere (%)	80%
Non-Residents working in community (%)	52%

**Largest Employers**

Epping High School	91
Epping Elementary School	87
McDonalds	50
ERRCO (Recycling)	47
Abenaki Timber	30
Burger King	25
Omni Industrial	21
PSNH (Utility)	15
Goodrich Brickyard	12
Hetners Orchard	12
Crossroads Sports Center	Unknown

**Municipal Services**

Town Hall Hours:	M-Th 8-4; F 8-12noon
Type of Government:	Selectmen/Town Meeting
Fiscal Year:	2002
Budget (Annual 2002):	\$3,040,162

Planning Board:	Elected
Industrial Plans Reviewed by:	Planning Board
Zoning:	1968/99
Master Plan:	1999
Capital Improvement Plan:	Yes
Full Time Police Dept:	Yes
Full Time Fire Dept:	Yes
Town Fire Insurance Rating:	5/9

**Taxes (2002)**

Local Property Tax Rate (per thousand)	\$30.26
Assessment Ratio:	63%
2002 Valuation	
Residential:	\$189,335,309
Commerical	\$33,041,258

**Housing (2000)**

Single-Family Units:	1564
Number of building permits	104
Multi-Family Units:	412
Number of building permits	0
Mobile Homes:	334

**Utilities**

Electricity:	PSNH/Electric Coop.
Natural Gas:	None
Water:	Epping Water Dept.
Source:	2 Bed Rock Wells
Average Usage Hoar Well:	95 gpm
Well #4:	60 gpm
Sanitation: Sewer:	Municipal
Coverage:	25%

**Municipal Treatment Plant**

Treatment Plant Type:	Active Sludge/Microfiltration
Capacity (million gal/day):	.50
Load (percent of capacity):	20%
Telephone:	Verizon
Telephone Switching:	Digital
Cellular Phone Access:	Yes
Cable Television:	Yes

### Transportation/Access

Road Access:	Federal Routes:	101, 125, 27
	State Routes:	I-95, Exit 2
Nearest Interstate:		Portsmouth
Distance:		15 miles
Railroad:		Downeaster (Exeter)
Airport:		Manchester
Runway:		7000 feet
Lighted:		Yes
Navigational Aids:		Yes
Distance:		26 miles

### Medical & Health

Hospital:		Exeter Hospital
Distance:		10 miles
Beds:		218
Number of Doctors working in town		1

### Educational/Childcare Facilities

	# of			Vocation/
	Schools	Grades	Enroll.	Education
Elementary	1	K-5	467	
Middle/Jr High	1	6-8	258	
High School	1	9-12	382	No

### Higher Education Institutions:

Technical College:	Stratham Comm. Tech. College
College/University:	White Pines/McIntosh/UNH

Daycare Facilities:	2
Total Capacity:	163

### Community Services & Recreation

Protestant Churches:	4
Catholic Churches:	1
Hotels/Motels	1
Bed & Breakfasts	4
Live Theater:	2
Museums:	1
Local Television:	1
Channel 22, Epping TV & Bulletin Board	
Library:	1
Harvey-Mitchell Memorial	
Municipal Parks:	1
Conservation Areas:	3
Tennis Courts:	1
Nearest Ski Areas:	White Mountains
Other Recreation:	2 Race Tracks

### For more information, contact:

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 157 Main Street, Epping, NH 03042  
 Telephone: 603-679-5441  
 Fax: 603-679-3002  
 Email: epping@rcn.com  
 Web: www.ci.epping.nh.us

**Town Owned Properties**

(LAST UPDATED 06/11/2001)

MAP	LOT	SERIAL	LOCATION	VALUE
10	32	619	HIGH ROAD, 22 ACRES, WITH A CONSERVATION EASEMENT	52,901
12	26	539	OFF CAMP LEE ROAD 4.5 ACRES	28,500
15	13	2241	RED OAK HILL 40,000 S.F. - TRIANGLE AT INTERSECTION OF RED OAK HILL, PLUMER ROAD AND NOTTINGHAM SQ. RD.	25,000
18	1	2126	JACOB SWELL ROAD - 11.65 ACRES CONSERVATION LAND	49,700
22	44	1744	HOAR POND PROPERTY - TAKEN BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR NEW WELL 9/99 56 ACRES MORE OR LESS BENIAH LANE	37,900
22	53	597	17 ACADEMY STREET-SCHOOL PROPERTY - WATSON ACADEMY, MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	482,700
22	68	2503	PLUMER ROAD - 17,000 S.F. - OLD CEMETERY ON LEHRMIT PROPERTY	3,900
22	89	1837	CATE STREET 3.18 ACRES - PUBLIC SKATING RINK AND SPORTS FIELD	45,000
22	96	2881	CATE STREET SPORTS FIELD AND TENNIS COURTS	35,700
24	96	605	OLD HEDDING RD. - DUMP 11 ACRES TRANSFER STATION, RECYCLING AND HIGHWAY STORAGE LD	97,600
24	97	2891	COWDIN MEADOW 6 ACRES	30,100
25	2	607	JACOB SWELL ROAD - FOREST - 2.37 ACRES PROTECTED CONSERVATION FOREST LAND	26,700
26	1	1780	PRESCOTT ROAD 2 ACRES	26,100
26	14	2578	JOSHUA LAND 3.21 ACRES	27,300
26	15	2576	JOSHUA LANE 1.47 ACRES	25,500
26	16	2575	JOSHUA LANE 2.02 ACRES	26,100
26	17	2574	JOSHUA LANE 1.24 ACRES	25,300
26	18	2573	JOSHUA LANE 1.71 ACRES	25,800
26	19	2572	JOSHUA LANE 1.12 ACRES	25,200
26	20	2571	JOSHUA LANE 1.77 ACRES	25,900
26	21	2570	JOSHUA LANE 1.59 ACRES	25,700
26	22	2569	JOSHUA LANE 1.68 ACRES	25,800
26	23	2568	JOSHUA LANE 1.46 ACRES	25,500
26	24	2567	JOSHUA LANE 1.52 ACRES	25,600
26	27	2566	JOSHUA LANE 1.64 ACRES	25,700
26	26	2565	JOSHUA LANE 1.37 ACRES	25,500
26	28	2564	JOSHUA LANE 1.3 ACRES	25,400
26	25	2563	JOSHUA LANE 1.10 ACRES	25,200
27	20	606	MILL RD 5.5 ACRES, NEW CEMETERY LAND	54,800
27	20-A	2107	MILL RD 4.5 ACRES, CONNECTED TO LOT #106-CEMETERY LAND	4,100
27	61	602	HOLT RD - 6 ACRES - WEST EPPING FIRE STATION	102,600
27	95	2292	FOLSOM LANE. 10.5 ACRES. MARY FOLSOM BLAIR MEMORIAL PARK	37,100
29	103	2932	PLEASANT STREET FROM ED WHITE 4.4 ACRES BACKLAND	4,400
29	104	2767	PLEASANT STREET 17,200 S.F. WATER TOWER LAND .39 acres	240,800
29	113	1239	37 PLEASANT STREET SAFETY COMPLEX	116,000
29	124	601	PLEASANT STREET 12 ACRES KNOWN AS SCOUTFIELD, OWNED BY TOWN CUSTODY OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS	7,200

29	133	604	MAIN STREET 1.77 ACRES. TOWN HALL AND PARKING LOT	584,900
29	134	595	MAIN STREET 9,000 S.F. HARVEY MITCHELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY	143,400
29	135	592	MAIN STREET 7,200 S.F. - MAIN ST. FIRE STATION	111,200
29	161	2331	MILL STREET 30,000 S.F. - WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY LIFT STATION	18,000
29	162	2133	WATER STREET 8,778 S.F. - MIRIAM JACKSON MEMORIAL PARK UNDER CUSTODY OF CONSERVATION COMM.	25,000
29	167	599	WATER STREET 5,226 S.F. DAR MEMORIAL LOT	27,800
29	177	608	BUNKER AVE. 900 S.F. -PARKING LOT	17,200
29	283-E	2909	CALEF HWY. WHELABRATOR EASEMENT TO TOWN FOR SEWER LIFT STATION	2,600
29	285	2130	MAIN STREET 12,740 S.F. TRIANGLE ABOVE CUMBERLAND FARMS MAINTAINED BY EPPING GARDEN CLUB	114,200
29	312	1915	BUNKER AVE. 1,465 S.F. - THREE LOT PARKING LOT	15,100
30	31	2135	LAGOON ROAD 58 ACRES MUNICIPAL SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITY	1,509,900
31	8	2741	OFF MAST ROAD 11.2 ACRES	1,434

### **Marriages** (October, 2001 - December, 2002)

<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Name of Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Residence of Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Date of Marriage</b>	<b>Name of Groom &amp; Bride</b>	<b>Residence of Groom &amp; Bride</b>
10/13/2001	David P. Britton Sherry L. Fisher	Epping Epping	4/14/2002	Shennett, Mark D. Parenteau, Tammy A.	Epping Epping
10/14/2001	Archie R. Cox Elizabeth R. Damon	Epping Epping	4/24/2002	Kumar, Anil Kusam	Epping Epping
10/20/2001	William E. Bousley Jennifer L. Reed	Epping Epping	5/4/2002	Wentworth, Charles R. Black, Annette	Epping Exeter
11/03/2001	Craig S. Hill Chastity A. Lattime	Epping Epping	5/18/2002	Grass, Richard B. Wilson, Heidi E.	Epping Epping
11/10/2001	Michael T. Motuzas Tammie M. Goudreault	Epping Epping	5/18/2002	Knox, Jason M. Decoursey, Janine M.	Epping Epping
12/07/2001	Christopher R. Horton Erna Ratnasari	Epping Epping	5/18/2002	Blackburn, David C. Valcourt, Lisa E.	Epping Salisbury, MA
12/15/2001	John S. Beville Marjorie Stevens	Epping Epping	5/18/2002	Bertogli, Wayne A. Harclerode, Jennifer L.	Epping Epping
12/21/2001	Duncan R. MacLoed Meredith A. Packard	Kingston Epping	5/25/2002	Demont, Dana W. Kahn, Leslie P.	Epping Epping
12/22/2001	Robert E. Latour Laurel C. MacConaill	Epping Epping	5/31/2002	Brunault, Matthew D. Cameron, Christine	Epping Epping
12/31/2001	Donald Van Amburgh Robin J. Roberts	Epping Epping	6/1/2002	Fernald, Brian E. Ochetto, Jodi L.	Epping Epping
1/5/2002	Simoneau, Robert Eger, Jasmine	Epping Epping	6/8/2002	Slater, Stephen E. Diaz, Paulina	Epping Manchester
1/15/2002	House, Jeffrey P. McCance, Michelle	Epping Epping	6/8/2002	Hennessy, David M. LaFortune, Rachelle M.	Epping Epping
3/30/2002	Paterson, Richard J. Volante, Susan M.	Epping Epping	6/15/2002	Morin, Michael A. Traynor, Noelle M.	Epping Manchester

6/26/2002	McCracken, Scott A. Brown, Penni F.	Deerfield Epping	9/14/2002	Webster, Mark D. Schramm, Amy B.	Epping Epping
7/14/2002	Annis, Danny L. McCarron, Brandi M.	Epping Epping	9/22/2002	Deary, Sean J. Therrien, Debora L.	Epping Epping
8/1/2002	Adams, George W. Allen, Emily E.	Epping Epping	9/28/2002	Trafan, Christopher P. Adams, Roberta L.	Epping Epping
8/2/2002	Kenzer, Michael C. Wyman, Kimberly F.	Epping Epping	9/28/2002	Roy, David M. Sanders, Laurie A.	Epping Epping
8/3/2002	Vaccaro, Mark A. Bartlett, Stephanie L.	Epping Epping	9/29/2002	Fortier, Robert J. Downs, Jamie L.	Epping Epping
8/4/2002	McKinley, Jay W. Turgeon, Brenda G.	Epping Nottingham	10/19/2002	Snyder, Justin J. Moody, Tiffany R.	Epping Epping
8/24/2002	McPhee, Cory W. DiTursi, Julie	Epping Epping	11/1/2002	Ling, Kenny Butland, Lanie	Epping Epping
8/24/2002	Parenteau, Joshua I. Howard, Laura J.	Epping Epping	11/16/2002	Hovey, Timothy D. Sanborn, Susan M.	Epping Epping
8/24/2002	Hopkinson, Lance W. Hutchings, Nicole F.	Epping Epping	11/30/2002	Hill, Andrew G. Theodorou, Elizabeth	Epping Epping
8/27/2002	Lazazzera, Lawrence A. Frechette, Patricia F.	Epping Epping	12/20/2002	Edwards, Robert L. Zinck, Tobi L.	Epping Epping
8/30/2002	King, Christopher S. Raymond, Suzanne M.	Epping Epping	12/21/2002	Bernier, Raymond A. Shaw, Michele L.	Epping Dover
9/7/2002	Prefontaine, Steven F. Krasko, Melissa M.	Epping Epping	12/26/2002	Smith, Jason S. Jodoin, Jillian L.	Gilford Epping
9/14/2002	Sims, Jared M. Grenier, Christina L.	Epping Epping	12/27/2002	Lynch, Kevin W. Fenstermaker, Debra J.	Brentwood Epping

**Births** (October, 2001 - December, 2002)

Date of Birth	Child's Name	Parents Name	Birthplace
10/05/2001	Hannah Rein Ferry	Robert Ferry Shannon Ferry	Manchester
10/08/2001	Gabriela Paulina Peterson	John Peterson Christine Vedovelli-Peterson	Exeter
10/09/2001	Kyle Breaggan Flahardy	Kelly Flahardy Tamora Flahardy	Manchester
10/09/2001	Madison Joanne Downing	Mark Downing Lynn Downing	Exeter
10/12/2001	Noah Richard Bilodeau	Todd Bilodeau Teri Bilodeau	Exeter
10/14/2001	Peyton John Rivers	Eric Rivers Michelle Rivers	Newburyport, MA
10/19/2001	Blake Robert Perreault	Carl Perreault Jennifer Perreault	Exeter
11/07/2001	Naikayla Lynn Brown	Rodney Brown Melissa Brown	Exeter
11/09/2001	Megan Elizabeth Colbourne	Frazer Colbourne Cynthia Colbourne	Exeter

11/19/2001	Baby Boy Foy	Jean-Maxime Foy Ruth Foy	Methuen, MA
12/10/2001	Ryan Patrick Glass	Robert Glass Kathleen Glass	Exeter
01/07/2002	Ryan Alexander Moulton	Eric Moulton Deborah Moulton	Manchester
01/29/2002	David William Misztal	Jason Misztal Linh Misztal	Exeter
02/06/2002	Trey Michael Loving	Anthony Loving Andrea Loving	Exeter
02/07/2002	Nathan Ronald Webber	Timothy Webber Jennifer Webber	Newburyport MA
02/08/2002	Laura Grace Duguie	Edwin Duguie Melissa Duguie	Newburyport MA
02/09/2002	Emma Rose Geisser	John Geisser Meredith Geisser	Exeter
02/15/2002	Davin John Bain	Warren Bain Paula Bain	Exeter
03/06/2002	Matthew Joseph Motuzas	Michael Motuzas Tammie Motuzas	Exeter
03/08/2002	Kyle Vincent Boccelli	Ryan Boccelli Jessica Boccelli	Exeter
03/11/2002	Nicholas Ryan Salamone	Jay Salamone Maryann Salamone	Exeter
03/14/2002	Hayden Jarret Miller	Andrew Miller Victoria Miller	Exeter
03/15/2002	Hannah Lee Armstrong	William Armstrong Lisa Armstrong	Newburyport MA
03/17/2002	Jeffrey Penn Remillard	Robert Remillard Jennifer Remillard	Exeter
03/18/2002	Dale Michael Lavoie	Wayne Lavoie Michelle Lavoie	Methuen MA
03/26/2002	Andrew John Kozler	David Kozler Candace Kozler	Dover
4/3/2002	Samantha Madison Silva	Jose Silva Megan Silva	Exeter
4/7/2002	Tre Angelo Bourdon	Mark Bourdon April Bourdon	Exeter
4/11/2002	Rebekah Katherine Johnson	David Johnson Jennifer Johnson	Lebanon
4/19/2002	Isabella Magnolia Baird	Stephen Baird Jennifer Baird	Exeter
4/23/2002	Calle Marion Bisaillon	Michael Bisaillon Melorah Bisaillon	Exeter
5/5/2002	Cole Manning Bishop	Austin Bishop Jennifer Bishop	Exeter
5/10/2002	Oakley Ariana Lustenberger	Daniel Lustenberger Maria Lustenberger	Exeter



5/21/2002	Hope Elizabeth Leavis	Jeremy Leavis Molly Leavis	Portsmouth
5/21/2002	Mikaylar June Berger	Jeffrey Berger Aveen Kenny Berger	Exeter
5/24/2002	Nicolas Donato Spinelli	Ross Spinelli Maria Spinelli	Manchester
5/27/2002	Kaitlyn Theresa Douillard	Gerald Douillard Lisa Douillard	Manchester
6/1/2002	Cody Mitchell Cox	Archie Cox Elizabeth Cox	Exeter
6/10/2002	Jiya Ahmed	Ahmed Shakeel Nahida Tasneem	Exeter
6/11/2002	Charlotte Bevan Mosedale	Andrew Mosedale Cindy Mosedale	Exeter
6/22/2002	Nicholas Robert Paterson	Richard Paterson Susan Paterson	Exeter
6/27/2002	Joshua Trenton Simoneau	Robert Simoneau Jeamine Simoneau	Exeter
7/11/2002	Colby Bradley Makos	John Makos Catherine Makos	Portsmouth
7/23/2002	Hayley Grace Pelletier	Daniel Pelletier Donna Pelletier	Manchester
7/28/2002	Nathan Doyle Delmonte	Matthew Delmonte Lee Ann Delmonte	Exeter
8/1/2002	Anna Dunn Principato	Michael Principato Heather Principato	Exeter
8/2/2002	Riley Gail Marshall	Brian Marshall Rebecca Sanborn	Exeter
8/6/2002	Tyler Hamilton Witmer	Thomas Witmer Cynthia Witmer	Exeter
8/7/2002	Hannah Irene Racle	Steven Racle Melissa Racle	Dover
8/17/2002	Luciano Bruno Costantini	Fabio Costantini Jolan Costantini	Manchester
8/17/2002	William Robert Morasco	Francis Morasco Kristin Morasco	Exeter
8/28/2002	Molly Elizabeth Gallagher	Sean Gallagher Brenda Gallagher	Exeter
8/29/2002	Brandon Lee Glidden	Leo Glidden Kristen Glidden	Exeter
9/8/2002	Evan Michael Altbergs	Jon Altbergs Deborah Altbergs	Exeter
9/10/2002	Karalyn Patricia Luby	Jeffrey Luby Desiree Luby	Exeter
9/12/2002	Audrey Ann Byrne	James Byrne Sonya Byrne	Manchester
10/11/2002	Dominic Benedict LaFave	Arthur LaFave Shara LaFave	Manchester

10/15/2002	Jacob Wesley Martel	Alan Martel Michelle Martel	Manchester
11/1/2002	Tayler Clayton Holt	Richard Holt Dawnalee Holt	Manchester
11/5/2002	Luke Jackson Rossel	Robert Rossel Kerstin Rossel	Portsmouth
11/12/2002	Joshua Ernest Scott Britton	David Britton Sherry Britton	Exeter
11/15/2002	Kalee Ann Hill	Craig Hill Chastity Hill	Exeter
11/20/2002	Alanna Irene Linton	Paul Linton Deanna Linton	Exeter
11/22/2002	Noelle Taylor Garcia	Christopher Garcia Kathleen Garcia	Exeter
11/24/2002	Emma Vivian Roussel	Donald Roussel Lisa Roussel	Nashua
11/24/2002	Kate Ellie Roussel	Donald Roussel Lisa Roussel	Nashua
12/13/2002	Noah Christian Glines	Randall Glines Misty Glines	Portsmouth
12/23/2002	Lauren Elizabeth Bowley	Matthew Bowley Ashley Bowley	Exeter

**Deaths** (October, 2001 - December, 2002)

<b>Date of Death</b>	<b>Place of Death</b>	<b>Name of Deceased</b>	<b>Fathers Name</b>	<b>Mothers Name</b>
10/01/2001	Exeter	John E. Allison	Thomas Allison	Lillian Chetwynd
10/02/2001	Exeter	John G. McDougall	John McDougall	Isabella Shillinglaw
10/25/2001	Brentwood	Frank W. Chase	David Chase	Jane Thompson
11/08/2001	Epping	Mildred Monbleau	Weldon Boutilier	Eva Gardiner
11/24/2001	Epping	Norris Follett	Perley Follett	Maude Chamberlain
12/11/2001	Epping	Wade B. Jones	Wade Jones	Harlene Wright
12/12/2001	Exeter	Nova C. Adams	Leon Collins	Josephine Hutchins
12/20/2001	Exeter	Barbara B. Desroches	Arthur Fogg	Alice Dench
12/20/2001	Manchester	Cynthia A. Allyson	Leo O'Neil	Beryl Watson
12/27/2001	Epping	Wilfred J. Lavoie	Joseph Lavoie	Alma Proulx
01/07/2002	Exeter	Albert A. Claridge	Jesse Claridge	Hilda Thompson
01/09/2002	Epping	David M. Pierce	Maurice Pierce	Gloria Hart
01/15/2002	Exeter	Marjorie O. Gaffney	Vayne Stanwood	Myrtle Preston
01/19/2002	Epping	Helen L. Mitchell	Samuel West	Mae Milliron
01/28/2002	Exeter	Allen V. Smith	Allen Smith	Edna Wilbur
01/30/2002	Manchester	Douglas G. Forsythe	Frank Forsythe	Eleanor Rouse
02/05/2002	Exeter	Arthur Haley	John Haley	Belline Lanouette
02/06/2002	Exeter	Yevetta Perry	Gordon Perry	Hettie Chadwick
02/08/2002	Epping	Evelyn M. Fini	Pasquale Giordano	Lucia Auriema
02/12/2002	Exeter	Joseph Marsoobian	Antranig Marsoobian	Mary Gulian
02/23/2002	Manchester	Lucille M. Morin	Joseph Morin	Eva McFadden
03/01/2002	Exeter	Irene Sousa	John Graham	Aura Elwell

04/04/2002	Epping	Alice C. Larkin	James Larkin	Susanna McSorley
04/05/2002	Exeter	Paul S. Monkewicz	Paul Monkewicz	Joann Finegan
05/23/2002	Exeter	Kathleen V. Fraser	Robert Richardson	Lucille Goodwin
07/02/2002	Exeter	James M. Lawrence	Thomas Lawrence	Helen Yapp
07/18/2002	Brentwood	Irene P. Albright	Charles Pratt	Ina Fuller
07/24/2002	Brentwood	Frederick B. King	Raymond King	Ida Trembley
07/27/2002	Epping	Richard P. Brown	Robert Brown	Eva Marco
07/28/2002	Epping	Edwin H. Arnold	John Arnold	Hilda Howarth
8/18/2002	Exeter	John F. Duffy	Charles Duffy	Jean Poncey
8/19/2002	Epping	Carole A. Anderson	Edmund LaHaye	Blanche Richard
9/5/2002	Brentwood	Robert J. McMenimen	Louis McMenimen	Hilda Ready
9/18/2002	Exeter	Domenic F. Ragonese	Samuel Ragonese	Madeline Peters
9/27/2002	Epping	Roy G. Ferreira	Alfred Ferreira	Jennie Santos
10/26/2002	Dover	Brian W. Fogarty	Robert Fogarty	Bertha Stanley
11/16/2002	Fremont	Nellie L. Currier	George Denyou	Jennie Eaton
11/24/2002	Exeter	Rita O. Clark	Cecil Adkins	Unknown, Maye
12/9/2002	Exeter	Arnold L. Bowden	Roy Bowden	Alice Little
12/17/2002	Exeter	Beverly M. Quintal	Arthur Pinet	Laura Raymond
12/24/2002	Exeter	Roy Paige	Harry Paige	Evelyn Foss
12/30/2002	Exeter	Archie T. Beaudoin	Noel Beaudoin	Leda Turgeon

## Town Directory

### Emergency Numbers

Fire/Police/Rescue 911

### General Business

Fire 679-5446  
Police 679-5122  
Animal Control 679-5122

### Schools

Elementary School 679-8018  
High School 679-5472  
Superintendent's Office 679-8003

### Town Offices

Code Enforcement and Health 679-1224  
Highway 396-3887  
Library 679-5944  
Planning and Zoning, Welfare 679-1202  
Recreation 679-3301  
Recycling Center 679-4675  
Tax Assessing 679-5441  
Town Administrator 679-5441  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector 679-8288  
(voter, car registrations, dog licenses,  
taxes, water/sewer payments)  
Water and Sewer 679-5171

### Other Resources

Department of Motor Vehicles 679-2111  
Epping Post Office 679-5952  
Rockingham County Sheriff 679-2225  
Exeter Chamber of Commerce 772-2411  
Raymond Chamber of Commerce 895-0101  
Rockingham Planning Commission 778-0885



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